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SAC, San Francisco (100-9884) August 12, 1952

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VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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Reurlet July 23, 1952, requesting authorization for interviews with Lucille Uspensky, Ray N. Faulkner and Matthew S. Kahn, for information concerning the subject. Such authorization is granted and these individuals should be thoroughly interviewed in the early future.

For your information Bureau files contain no derogatory information regarding any of these three persons.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675) DATE: July 23, 1952

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-9884)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
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ARNAUTOFF is employed as an Assistant Professor of Art, Stanford University, Stanford, California.

Upon interview in regard to another matter on July 11, 1952, [redacted] a reliable and established source, who is employed as [redacted] advised that a personal friend, LUCILLE USPENSKY, 2111 Hanover St., Palo Alto, California, has frequently audited courses in the Art Department during 1952.

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[redacted] stated that USPENSKY is approximately 50 years of age, a native born citizen and the widow of a White Russian refugee. She stated that USPENSKY is a discreet individual and a loyal citizen who possesses an intense hatred toward Communism and the Soviet Union. [redacted] expressed the belief that USPENSKY would willingly cooperate with this office in any possible manner.

[redacted] a reliable and established source who is [redacted] advised on July 3, 1952, that he has been professionally acquainted with RAY N. FAULKNER, Professor of Art and Associate Dean of Humanities and Sciences, Stanford, for the past four years. He observed that FAULKNER was formerly the head of the Art Department, Columbia Teachers College and that he is approximately 41 years of age. He recalled that FAULKNER indicated on one occasion that Communists should not be employed by universities and [redacted] advised that he has observed nothing which would indicate that FAULKNER was other than a loyal citizen. He stated that he would recommend FAULKNER as a discreet and reliable individual.

[redacted] observed that he has been acquainted with MATTHEW S. KAHN, Instructor in Art, Stanford University, during the past two or three years of KAHN's employment at Stanford. He stated that KAHN is a brilliant individual and is probably the most observant and intelligent employee of the Art Department. He expressed the belief KAHN is well acquainted with all employees of the Art Department and he advised that he knew nothing which would reflect adversely upon KAHN's reliability, discretion or loyalty.

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VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

The records of the Palo Alto Police Department, Palo Alto Retailers Credit Association and the indices of the San Francisco Division contain no derogatory information regarding USPENSKY, FAULKNER or KAHN.

Bureau authority is requested to interview the aforementioned individuals regarding their knowledge of ARNAUTOFF's activity, associates or loyalty. It is noted that this office does not possess any reliable and established sources in the Art Department at Stanford and it is believed that interviewing the aforementioned three individuals will possibly result in the development of a source at Stanford who would be in a position to provide continual and reliable information regarding ARNAUTOFF.

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SAC, San Francisco (100-6359) August 11, 1952

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VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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Reurlet July 25, 1952. You are authorized to have Special Agent John A. Kelleher of your office interview Michael Arnautoff, the subject's son, at his home in Redondo Beach, California. This interview should be conducted to ascertain the present location of the radio transmitter mentioned in your letter as well as to obtain information concerning the parents of the interviewee. You should insure that this interview is conducted in such a manner that no embarrassment to the Bureau will result.

A copy of referenced San Francisco letter is being forwarded herewith to the Los Angeles Office for its information.

cc - 2 - Los Angeles (Enclosure)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: July 25, 1952

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-6359)

SUBJECT: VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF
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Rerep of SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER dated July 14, 1952 at San Francisco.

SA JOHN A. KELLEHER of the San Francisco office, who formerly resided in Broadmore Village, Colma, California, was well acquainted and friendly with MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, the son of the subject of this investigation, prior to the time MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF moved to Southern California in 1950.

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This office is not in receipt of any information or indication that MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF was or is pro-Communist or pro-Soviet; in fact, [redacted] has advised that none of subject's three sons are in sympathy with the political beliefs of their parents, nor has he heard the parents refer to any of their sons in connection with such activities. It was [redacted] opinion that MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF requested a transfer from San Francisco to the Los Angeles, California, area of the company in which he was employed in order to be away from his parents' Communistic activities. He could not recall, however, any specific statement on the part of the subject which left him with this impression.

It is pointed out that the subject's son, MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was interested as an amateur radio operator (HAM) and was the owner of a radio transmitter when residing at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, the present address of his father and mother, and was the recipient of QSL cards received at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, in the past.

The question of ownership of the above mentioned radio transmitter, formerly operated from 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, furnishes an excellent reason and opportunity to question MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF regarding this radio transmitter and to determine its present location, and also to attempt to obtain information regarding his parents' activities.

It is realized that MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF may decline to furnish any information regarding his parents relative to Communism or to their pro-Soviet sympathies, but he would probably furnish information regarding the ownership of the radio transmitter formerly owned and operated by him.

It is requested that the Bureau give consideration to authorizing SA JOHN A. KELLEHER of the San Francisco office to interview MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF at his residence, 524B Francisca, Redondo Beach, California, at an early date. Although it is not known if MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF will furnish in-

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formation regarding his parents, it is felt that SA KELLEHER would have a far better chance of success due to past personal friendship and contact with MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF in the VFW.

The above lead has not been set out in referenced report.

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The Honorable

The Attorney General

Victor Michael Arnautoff, et al

My dear Mr. Attorney General:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 22, 1952, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, which has been referred to this office for reply. You request access to the income tax returns of Victor Michael Arnautoff, with aliases, and Lydia Arnautoff, both of 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, for the years 1949, 1950 and 1951, for use in connection with an official investigation being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The request is receiving attention and you will be further advised at an early date.

By direction of the Commissioner.

Very truly yours,

E. J. McSweeney

Deputy Commissioner

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VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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Reurlet 8/5/52.

Bureau authority is granted for Agents of your office to interview Peter C. Allen, Director of Information, Stanford University, regarding the subject's activities, associates and loyalty.

For your information, Bureau files contain no identifiable data relative to Allen.

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NOTE:

Subject is an instructor at Stanford University. To date, his activities and associates at this school are not known. Subject, in April, 1952, was in contact with a known Soviet agent and since classified research is being conducted at Stanford, it is essential that we contact Peter C. Allen to ascertain if subject's contacts at the school are such to arouse suspicion of espionage activities on his part.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675)

DATE: August 5, 1952

FROM SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-6359)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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[redacted] was recently interviewed regarding ARNAUTOFF. During the interview, [redacted] observed that PETER C. ALLEN, Director of Information, Stanford University, would probably be in a position to provide information regarding the activity, associates and loyalty of the subject.

[redacted] stated that ALLEN is a former newspaperman and U. S. Army veteran. He advised that he would wholeheartedly recommend ALLEN as a reliable and discrete individual of unquestionable loyalty.

The indices of the San Francisco Division contain no record identifiable with ALLEN.

ALLEN resides at 4008 El Cerrito, Palo Alto, California and he was formerly employed as Editor of the "Stanford Review."

Bureau authority is requested to interview ALLEN regarding ARNAUTOFF's activity, associates and loyalty.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. Belmont

DATE: August 11, 1952

FROM : W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF
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PURPOSE:

To recommend that the subject's son be interviewed at his home in Redondo Beach, California, by Special Agent John A. Kelleher of the San Francisco Office, who formerly was quite friendly with the subject's son. Redondo Beach is in the Los Angeles Division.

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DETAILS:

In the investigation of the subject instituted in 1941, it has been determined that in addition to his Communist Party membership for the past 12 years, he has been associated with a number of Soviet officials who have been assigned to the Soviet Consulate in San Francisco while it existed and to the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C. These contacts have included both known and suspected Soviet espionage agents, including Gregori Kheifets and Yuri Novikov. [redacted] This investigation also reflected the presence of a radio transmitter in the subject's home in 1949. It was determined that this transmitter belonged to and was operated by the subject's son, Michael, an unregistered HAM. In 1950, the son moved to Redondo Beach, California. It is not known whether or not he took his radio transmitter with him, but recent observation of the subject's home fails to reflect external evidence of radio receiving or transmitting antennae.

The San Francisco Office has advised that Special Agent John A. Kelleher of that Division was well acquainted with the subject's son, Michael Arnautoff, prior to 1950 and has suggested that Kelleher be authorized to interview Michael Arnautoff at his home in Redondo Beach, California, to ascertain: (1) the present location of the afore-mentioned transmitter and (2) information concerning the Communist and Soviet connections of his parents, the subject and his wife. Redondo Beach is in the Los Angeles Division.

Bureau files reflect no derogatory data concerning Michael Arnautoff.

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Bureau furnish the San Francisco Office authorization for Special Agent Kelleher to interview Michael Arnautoff, as indicated above. A letter to this effect is attached.

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The Honorable

The Attorney General

Victor Michael Arnautoff and
Lydia Arnautoff

My dear Mr. Attorney General:

Further reference is made to your letter dated July 22, 1952, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, requesting access to the income tax returns of Victor Michael Arnautoff, with aliases, and Lydia Arnautoff, both of 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, for the years 1949, 1950 and 1951, for use in connection with an official investigation being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

It has been found necessary to communicate with the field officer of the Bureau concerned with respect to the returns and upon receipt of a reply you will be advised promptly.

By direction of the Commissioner.

Very truly yours,

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E. J. McSweeney
Deputy Commissioner

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VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Reurlet 9-2-52, requesting authorization for interviews with Daniel Marcus Mendelowitz and Edward McNeil Farmer, both of whom allegedly are long-standing acquaintances of the subject.

While the Bureau files are negative concerning Mendelowitz, his subversive connections as outlined in referenced letter are sufficient to preclude an interview with him. Bufiles are also negative relative to Farmer. Authorization to interview Farmer is granted; however, in this regard it is desired that stress be placed on the obtaining of the subject's activities and associates in the departments at Stanford University engaged in classified research.

As you are aware, the instant investigation has been intensified because of the subject's recent contacts with Yuri V. Novikov, Second Secretary, Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C. The Bureau desires that you endeavor to obtain data reflecting espionage, as well as subversive activity on the part of the subject, particularly whether or not he is seeking to obtain data from the departments at Stanford University engaged in research on classified matters.

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Note: Mendelowitz allegedly associated with Communist Party, Palo Alto, California. In view of this, it is not deemed desirable to interview him at this time. In view of his background, it is also believed he would be uncooperative.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675) DATE: September 2, 1952

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-6359)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
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Rebulet August 12, 1952.

During the recent interviews of (1) RAY N. FAULKNER, Associate Dean of Humanities and Sciences and professor of Art, and (2) MATTHEW S. KAHN, instructor in Art, both of Stanford University, they each recommended that DANIEL MARCUS MENDELOWITZ, professor of Art and Education, and EDWARD MC NEIL FARMER, professor of Art, both of whom have been acquainted with the subject for many years, be interviewed regarding ARNAUTOFF. They stated that MENDELOWITZ and FARMER had been continual associates of ARNAUTOFF since the subject's affiliation with Stanford in 1936. FAULKNER stated that he had been in charge of the Art Department for only six years and he vaguely recalled that MENDELOWITZ and FARMER had in some manner assisted or recommended ARNAUTOFF for employment by Stanford.

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FAULKNER recommended both MENDELOWITZ and FARMER as unquestionably discreet, reliable and loyal individuals.

MENDELOWITZ presently resides at 1285 Forest Avenue, Palo Alto, and FARMER resides at 512 Gerona, Stanford, California.

The indices of the San Francisco Division contain no record on FARMER.

The San Francisco Office anonymously received on September 17, 1947, an advertising pamphlet disseminated by the Progressive Citizens of America. In addition to the national officers listed in the pamphlet, the names of approximately seventy-five other individuals, apparently members, appeared on the pamphlet. One of these persons was "DANIEL MENDELOWITZ," not further identified.

[redacted] made available on August 26, 1951, a mailing list of the IPP, Santa Clara County, California, which the informant reported had been utilized for Communist Party, IPP, Palo Alto Peace Club and Los Altos - Mt. View Council for Civic Unity mailings. [redacted] has advised that the latter two organizations are controlled by Communist Party members. Included in the list were "Professor and Mrs. DANIEL MENDELOWITZ, 1145 Forest Avenue, Palo Alto."

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Bureau authority is requested to interview MENDELOWITZ and FARMER regarding the subject's associates, activities and loyalty. During the course of the interview with MENDELOWITZ he would be questioned regarding his possible affiliation with the IPP, Communist Party, Peace Club and Los Altos - Mt. View Council for Civic Unity.

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SAC, San Francisco (100-6359) September 8, 1952

Director, FBI (100-47675)

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Reurlet dated July 1, 1952, requesting Photostats of income tax returns of the subject and his wife for the years 1949, 1950 and 1951.

There are attached two Photostats of the income tax return of the subject and his wife for the year 1949 as well as two Photostats of the income tax return of the subject and his wife for the year 1950. For your information, the Office of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Washington, D. C., has advised that the income tax returns filed for the year 1951 are being processed at the present time and will not be available for photostating purposes for several months.

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The Honorable

The Attorney General

Victor Michael Arnautoff and
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My dear Mr. Attorney General:

VICTOR ARNAUTOFF

Further reference is made to your letter dated July 22, 1952, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, requesting access to the income tax returns of Victor Michael Arnautoff, with aliases, and Lydia Arnautoff, both of 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, for the years 1949, 1950 and 1951, for use in connection with an official investigation being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

There are enclosed photostatic copies of the joint income tax returns of Victor M. Arnautoff and Lydia V. Arnautoff, 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, for the years 1949 and 1950.

Income tax returns filed for the year 1951 are being processed in the Bureau and will not be available for photostatic purposes for several months.

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By direction of the Commissioner.

Very truly yours,

E. J. McLarney
Head, Audit Division

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FORM 1040
U.S. Treasury Department
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U. S. INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX RETURN

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CALENDAR YEAR

For other taxable years ending after Sept. 30, 1950, but before Dec. 31, 1951, attach Form 1040FY

EMPLOYEES: Instead of this form, you may use Form 1040A if your total income was less than $5,000, consisting wholly of wages shown on Forms W-2, or of such wages and not more than $100 of other wages, dividends, and interest.

Do not write in these spaces
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Name VICTOR M. & LYDIA V. ARNAUTOFF
(PLEASE PRINT. If this is a joint return of husband and wife, use first names of both)

HOME ADDRESS 1007 Washington Street
(PLEASE PRINT. Street and number or rural route)

Colma (City, town, or post office) 25 (Postal zone number) California (State)

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Your exemptions

1. List your own name. If married and your wife (or husband) had no income, or if this is a joint return of husband and wife, list name of your wife (or husband). List names of other close relatives (as defined in Instructions) with 1950 gross incomes of less than $500 who received more than one-half of their support from you in 1950. If this is a joint return of husband and wife, list dependent relatives of both.

Name (please print)	Check below whether you (or your wife) were at the end of your taxable year— 65 OR OVER	BLIND	On lines a and b below— Write 1 if neither 65 nor blind; Write 2 if either 65 or blind; Write 3 if both 65 and blind.
Your name Victor M. Arnautoff	Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐	a. Number of exemptions for you 1
Wife's (or ~~HUSBAND'S~~ Lydia V. Arnautoff	Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐	b. Number of her (his) exemptions 1

Name of Other Dependent Relative	Relationship	Address—If different from yours

Enter here total number of exemptions claimed (yours and your wife's plus one for each dependent listed above) → 2

Your income

2. Enter your total wages, salaries, bonuses, commissions, and other compensation received in 1950, BEFORE PAY-ROLL DEDUCTIONS for taxes, dues, insurance, bonds, etc. Also enter amount of income tax withheld. Members of Armed Forces and persons claiming traveling or reimbursed expenses, see Instructions.

Print Employer's Name	Where Employed (City and State)	Amount of Income Tax Withheld	Total Wages
Stanford University	Stanford, Calif.	$ 610 50	$ 3850 08
	Enter totals	$	$

3. If you received dividends, interest, or any other income, give details on page 2 and enter the total here ..... loss -119 48
4. Add income shown in items 2 and 3, and enter the total here ..... $ 3730 60

How to figure the tax

IF YOUR INCOME WAS LESS THAN $5,000.—Use the table on page 4 to find your tax—unless you itemize your deductions. This table allows about 10 percent of your total income for charitable contributions, interest, taxes, medical expenses, etc. If your deductions exceed 10 percent, it will usually be to your advantage to itemize them and compute your tax on page 3.

IF INCOME WAS $5,000 OR MORE.—Do not use tax table. Compute tax on page 3. Use standard deduction or itemize deductions, whichever is to your advantage.

HUSBAND AND WIFE.—For split-income benefits, file a joint return. If filing separate returns, and one itemizes deductions, both must itemize.

Tax due or refund

5. Enter your tax from table on page 4, or from line 18, page 3 ..... $ 367 00
6. How much have you paid on your 1950 income tax?
   (A) By tax withheld (in item 2, above). Attach Original Forms W-2 ..... $ 610 50
   (B) By payments on 1950 Declaration of Estimated Tax .....
   Enter total here → 610 50
7. If your tax (item 5) is larger than payments (item 6), enter BALANCE OF TAX DUE here ..... $ ~~243 50~~
   This balance of tax due must be paid in full with return.
8. If your payments (item 6) are larger than your tax (item 5), enter the OVERPAYMENT here ..... $ 243 50
   Enter amount of item 8 you want: Refunded to you $ 243.50 Credited on your 1951 estimated tax $ no
   Do you owe any prior year Federal tax for which you have been billed? no (Yes or No)

If you filed a return for a prior year, state latest year 1949
Where filed San Francisco, California
To which Collector's office did you pay amount claimed in item 6 (B), above?

County in which you reside San Mateo, Calif.
Is your wife (or husband) making a separate return for 1950? no (Yes or No)
If "Yes," write her (or his) name

I declare under the penalties of perjury that this return (including any accompanying schedules and statements) has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is a true, correct, and complete return.

(Signature of person, other than taxpayer, preparing this return) (Date)
Stanford University (Name of firm or employer, if any)

Victor M. Arnautoff (Signature of taxpayer) 2/28/51 (Date)
Lydia V. Arnautoff (Signature of taxpayer's wife or husband if this is a joint return) 2/28/51 (Date)

To assure any benefits of split-income provisions, husband and wife must include all their income, and BOTH MUST SIGN, even though only one has income.

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Schedule A.—INCOME FROM DIVIDENDS

Name and address of corporation declaring dividend	Amount	Name and address of corporation declaring dividend	Amount
	$		$
			Enter total here → $

Schedule B.—INCOME FROM INTEREST

Name and address of payer	Amount	Name and address of payer	Amount
	$		$
			Enter total here →

Schedule C.—PROFIT (OR LOSS) FROM BUSINESS OR PROFESSION. (Farmers should obtain Form 1040F)

Net profit (or loss) from business or profession (from separate Schedule C) net loss 119 48

Schedule D.—GAINS AND LOSSES FROM SALES OR EXCHANGES OF CAPITAL ASSETS, ETC.

1. Net gain (or loss) from sale or exchange of capital assets (from separate Schedule D)
2. Net gain (or loss) from sale or exchange of property other than capital assets (from separate Schedule D)

Schedule E.—INCOME FROM ANNUITIES OR PENSIONS

1. Cost of annuity (total amount you paid in) $
2. Amount received tax-free in prior years
3. Remainder of cost (line 1 less line 2) $
4. Total amount received this year $
5. Excess, if any, of line 4 over line 3
6. Enter line 5, or 3 percent of line 1, whichever is greater (but do not enter more than line 4)

Schedule F.—INCOME FROM RENTS AND ROYALTIES

1. Kind and location of property	2. Amount of rent or royalty	3. Depreciation or depletion (explain in Schedule H)	4. Repairs (explain in Schedule I)	5. Other expenses (itemize in Schedule I)
	$	$	$	$
1. Totals	$	$	$	$

2. Net profit (or loss) (column 2 less sum of columns 3, 4, and 5)

Schedule G.—INCOME FROM PARTNERSHIPS, ESTATES AND TRUSTS, AND OTHER SOURCES

	NAME	ADDRESS	AMOUNT
1. Partnership, joint venture, etc.			$
2. Estate or trust			
3. Other sources (state nature)			
			Enter total here →

Total income (or loss) from above sources (Enter as item 3, page 1) $

Schedule H.—EXPLANATION OF DEDUCTION FOR DEPRECIATION CLAIMED IN SCHEDULE F

1. Kind of property (If buildings, state material of which constructed)	2. Date acquired	3. Cost or other basis (do not include land or other nondepreciable property)	4. Assets fully depreciated in use at end of year	5. Depreciation allowed (or allowable) in prior years	6. Remaining cost or other basis to be recovered	7. Estimated life used in accumulating depreciation	8. Estimated remaining life from beginning of year	9. Depreciation allowable this year
		$	$	$	$			$

Schedule I.—EXPLANATION OF COLUMNS 4 AND 5 OF SCHEDULE F

1. Column No.	2. Explanation	3. Amount	1. Column No.	2. Explanation	3. Amount
		$			$

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ITEMIZED DEDUCTIONS—FOR PERSONS NOT USING TAX TABLE ON PAGE 4 OR STANDARD DEDUCTION ON LINE 2 BELOW—

If husband and wife (not legally separated) file separate returns and one itemizes deductions, the other must also itemize

Describe deductions and state to whom paid. If more space is needed, list deductions on separate sheet of paper and attach to this return.		Amount
Contributions	$	
Allowable Contributions (not in excess of 15 percent of item 4, page 1)		$
Interest	$	
Total Interest		
Taxes	$	
Total Taxes		
Losses from fire, storm, or other casualty, or theft	$	
Total Allowable Losses (not compensated by insurance or otherwise)		
Medical and dental expenses	$	
Net Expenses (not compensated by insurance or otherwise)	$	
Enter 5 percent of item 4, page 1, and subtract from Net Expenses		
Allowable Medical and Dental Expenses. See Instructions for limitation		
Miscellaneous (See Instructions)	$	
Total Miscellaneous Deductions		
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS		$

TAX COMPUTATION—FOR PERSONS NOT USING TAX TABLE ON PAGE 4

1. Enter amount shown in item 4, page 1. This is your Adjusted Gross Income ..... $
2. Enter DEDUCTIONS. If deductions are itemized above, enter the total of such deductions. If adjusted gross income (line 1, above) is $5,000 or more and deductions are not itemized, enter the standard deduction of 10 percent of line 1, above, or $1,000, whichever is the lesser, or $500 if this is the separate return of a married person .....
3. Subtract line 2 from line 1. Enter the difference here. This is your Net Income ..... $
4. Multiply $600 by total number of exemptions claimed in item 1, page 1. Enter total here .....
5. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter difference here ..... $

Lines 6, 7, and 8 should be filled in ONLY by a single person or a married person making a separate return

6. Use the tax rates shown on page 16 of Instructions to figure your tentative tax on amount shown in line 5 (if line 3, above, includes partially tax-exempt interest, see Instructions). Enter the tentative tax here ..... $
7. If line 6 is (*a*) not over $400, enter 13% of amount on line 6 .....
   (*b*) over $400 but not over $100,000, enter $52 plus 9% of the excess over $400 .....
   (*c*) over $100,000, enter $9,016 plus 7.3% of the excess over $100,000 .....
8. Subtract line 7 from line 6. Enter the difference here. This is your combined normal tax and surtax ..... $

Lines 9 to 13 should be filled in ONLY if this is a joint return of husband and wife

9. Enter here one-half of amount on line 5, above ..... $
10. Use the tax rates shown on page 16 of Instructions to figure your tentative tax on amount shown in line 9 (if line 3, above, includes partially tax-exempt interest, see Instructions). Enter the tentative tax here ..... $
11. If line 10 is (*a*) not over $400, enter 13% of amount on line 10 .....
    (*b*) over $400 but not over $100,000, enter $52 plus 9% of the excess over $400 .....
    (*c*) over $100,000, enter $9,016 plus 7.3% of the excess over $100,000 .....
12. Subtract line 11 from line 10. Enter the difference here ..... $
13. Multiply amount on line 12 by 2. Enter this tax here. This is your combined normal tax and surtax ..... $
14. If alternative tax computation is made on separate Schedule D, enter here tax from line 12 on back of Schedule D ..... $

If you used the standard deduction in line 2, disregard lines 15, 16, and 17, and copy on line 18 the same figure you entered on line 8, 13, or 14, whichever is applicable

15. Enter here any income tax payments to a foreign country or U. S. possession (attach Form 1116) ..... $
16. Enter here any income tax paid at source on tax-free covenant bond interest .....
17. Add the figures on lines 15 and 16 and enter the total here ..... $
18. Subtract line 17 from line 8, 13, or 14, whichever is applicable. Enter difference here and in item 5, page 1. This is your tax ..... $

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If you use this table, tear off this page and file only pages 1 and 2

TAX TABLE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1950

FOR PERSONS WITH INCOMES UNDER $5,000 NOT COMPUTING TAX ON PAGE 3

Read down the shaded columns below until you find the line covering the total income you entered in Item 4, page 1. Then read across to the column headed by the number corresponding to the number of exemptions claimed in Item 1, page 1. Enter the tax you find there in Item 5, page 1.

If total income in Item 4, page 1, is—		And the number of exemptions claimed in Item 1, page 1, is—				If total income in Item 4, page 1, is—		And the number of exemptions claimed in Item 1, page 1, is—									
									2		3						
At least	But less than	1	2	3	4 or more	At least	But less than	1	And you are single or a married person filing separately	And you are a married couple filing jointly	And you are single or a married person filing separately	And you are a married couple filing jointly	4	5	6	7	8 or more
		Your tax is—						Your tax is—									
						$2,325	$2,350	$262	$157	$157	$53	$53	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
$0	$675	$0	$0	$0	$0	2,350	2,375	266	161	161	57	57	0	0	0	0	0
675	700	3	0	0	0	2,375	2,400	269	165	165	61	61	0	0	0	0	0
700	725	7	0	0	0	2,400	2,425	273	169	169	65	65	0	0	0	0	0
725	750	11	0	0	0	2,425	2,450	277	173	173	69	69	0	0	0	0	0
750	775	15	0	0	0	2,450	2,475	281	177	177	72	72	0	0	0	0	0
775	800	19	0	0	0	2,475	2,500	285	181	181	76	76	0	0	0	0	0
800	825	23	0	0	0	2,500	2,525	289	185	185	80	80	0	0	0	0	0
825	850	27	0	0	0	2,525	2,550	293	189	189	84	84	0	0	0	0	0
850	875	31	0	0	0	2,550	2,575	297	192	192	88	88	0	0	0	0	0
875	900	35	0	0	0	2,575	2,600	301	196	196	92	92	0	0	0	0	0
900	925	38	0	0	0	2,600	2,625	305	200	200	96	96	0	0	0	0	0
925	950	42	0	0	0	2,625	2,650	309	204	204	100	100	0	0	0	0	0
950	975	46	0	0	0	2,650	2,675	313	208	208	104	104	0	0	0	0	0
975	1,000	50	0	0	0	2,675	2,700	316	212	212	108	108	3	0	0	0	0
1,000	1,025	54	0	0	0	2,700	2,725	320	216	216	112	112	7	0	0	0	0
1,025	1,050	58	0	0	0	2,725	2,750	324	220	220	115	115	11	0	0	0	0
1,050	1,075	62	0	0	0	2,750	2,775	328	224	224	119	119	15	0	0	0	0
1,075	1,100	66	0	0	0	2,775	2,800	332	228	228	123	123	19	0	0	0	0
1,100	1,125	70	0	0	0	2,800	2,825	336	232	232	127	127	23	0	0	0	0
1,125	1,150	74	0	0	0	2,825	2,850	340	236	236	131	131	27	0	0	0	0
1,150	1,175	78	0	0	0	2,850	2,875	344	239	239	135	135	31	0	0	0	0
1,175	1,200	82	0	0	0	2,875	2,900	348	243	243	139	139	35	0	0	0	0
1,200	1,225	85	0	0	0	2,900	2,925	352	247	247	143	143	38	0	0	0	0
1,225	1,250	89	0	0	0	2,925	2,950	357	251	251	147	147	42	0	0	0	0
1,250	1,275	93	0	0	0	2,950	2,975	361	255	255	151	151	46	0	0	0	0
1,275	1,300	97	0	0	0	2,975	3,000	366	259	259	155	155	50	0	0	0	0
1,300	1,325	101	0	0	0	3,000	3,050	373	265	265	161	161	56	0	0	0	0
1,325	1,350	105	1	0	0	3,050	3,100	382	273	273	168	168	64	0	0	0	0
1,350	1,375	109	5	0	0	3,100	3,150	391	281	281	176	176	72	0	0	0	0
1,375	1,400	113	8	0	0	3,150	3,200	400	288	288	184	184	80	0	0	0	0
1,400	1,425	117	12	0	0	3,200	3,250	409	296	296	192	192	87	0	0	0	0
1,425	1,450	121	16	0	0	3,250	3,300	418	304	304	200	200	95	0	0	0	0
1,450	1,475	125	20	0	0	3,300	3,350	427	312	312	207	207	103	0	0	0	0
1,475	1,500	129	24	0	0	3,350	3,400	436	320	320	215	215	111	7	0	0	0
1,500	1,525	132	28	0	0	3,400	3,450	445	328	328	223	223	119	14	0	0	0
1,525	1,550	136	32	0	0	3,450	3,500	454	335	335	231	231	127	22	0	0	0
1,550	1,575	140	36	0	0	3,500	3,550	463	343	343	239	239	134	30	0	0	0
1,575	1,600	144	40	0	0	3,550	3,600	472	352	351	247	247	142	38	0	0	0
1,600	1,625	148	44	0	0	3,600	3,650	481	361	359	254	254	150	46	0	0	0
1,625	1,650	152	48	0	0	3,650	3,700	490	370	367	262	262	158	54	0	0	0
1,650	1,675	156	52	0	0	3,700	3,750	499	379	375	270	270	166	61	0	0	0
1,675	1,700	160	55	0	0	3,750	3,800	508	388	382	278	278	174	69	0	0	0
1,700	1,725	164	59	0	0	3,800	3,850	517	397	390	286	286	181	77	0	0	0
1,725	1,750	168	63	0	0	3,850	3,900	526	406	398	294	294	189	85	0	0	0
1,750	1,775	172	67	0	0	3,900	3,950	535	415	406	301	301	197	93	0	0	0
1,775	1,800	176	71	0	0	3,950	4,000	544	424	414	309	309	205	100	0	0	0
1,800	1,825	179	75	0	0	4,000	4,050	553	433	422	317	317	213	108	4	0	0
1,825	1,850	183	79	0	0	4,050	4,100	562	442	429	325	325	221	116	12	0	0
1,850	1,875	187	83	0	0	4,100	4,150	571	451	437	333	333	228	124	20	0	0
1,875	1,900	191	87	0	0	4,150	4,200	580	460	445	341	341	236	132	27	0	0
1,900	1,925	195	91	0	0	4,200	4,250	589	469	453	349	348	244	140	35	0	0
1,925	1,950	199	95	0	0	4,250	4,300	598	478	461	358	356	252	147	43	0	0
1,950	1,975	203	99	0	0	4,300	4,350	607	487	468	367	364	260	155	51	0	0
1,975	2,000	207	102	0	0	4,350	4,400	616	496	476	376	372	268	163	59	0	0
2,000	2,025	211	106	2	0	4,400	4,450	625	505	484	385	380	275	171	67	0	0
2,025	2,050	215	110	6	0	4,450	4,500	634	514	492	394	388	283	179	74	0	0
2,050	2,075	219	114	10	0	4,500	4,550	643	523	500	403	395	291	187	82	0	0
2,075	2,100	223	118	14	0	4,550	4,600	652	532	508	412	403	299	194	90	0	0
2,100	2,125	226	122	18	0	4,600	4,650	661	541	515	421	411	307	202	98	0	0
2,125	2,150	230	126	22	0	4,650	4,700	670	550	523	430	419	315	210	106	1	0
2,150	2,175	234	130	25	0	4,700	4,750	679	559	531	439	427	322	218	114	9	0
2,175	2,200	238	134	29	0	4,750	4,800	688	568	539	448	435	330	226	121	17	0
2,200	2,225	242	138	33	0	4,800	4,850	697	577	547	457	442	338	234	129	25	0
2,225	2,250	246	142	37	0	4,850	4,900	706	586	555	466	450	346	241	137	33	0
2,250	2,275	250	146	41	0	4,900	4,950	715	595	562	475	458	354	249	145	40	0
2,275	2,300	254	149	45	0	4,950	5,000	724	604	570	484	466	361	257	153	48	0
2,300	2,325	258	153	49	0												

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SCHEDULE C (*File with Form 1040*)
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SCHEDULE OF PROFIT (OR LOSS) FROM BUSINESS OR PROFESSION

(Farmers should obtain Form 1040F)

For Calendar Year 1950 or other taxable years ending after Sept. 30, 1950, but before Dec. 31, 1951

NAME AND ADDRESS Victor M. and Lydia V. Arnautoff, 1007 Washington, Colma, Calif.

State (1) nature of business Artist

(2) business name

(3) business address 1007 Washington St., Colma, California

Do NOT include in this schedule cost of goods withdrawn for personal use or deductions not connected with your business or profession

1. Total receipts from business or profession			$ 140	00
COST OF GOODS SOLD				
2. Inventory at beginning of year	$			
3. Merchandise bought for manufacture or sale				
4. Cost of labor				
5. Material and supplies	70	52		
6. Other costs (explain in Schedule C-2)	188	96		
7. Total of lines 2 to 6	$ 259	48		
8. Less inventory at end of year				
9. Net cost of goods sold (line 7 less line 8)				
10. Gross profit (line 1 less line 9)			$	
OTHER BUSINESS DEDUCTIONS				
11. Salaries and wages not included in line 4	$			
12. Rent on business property				
13. Interest on business indebtedness				
14. Taxes on business and business property				
15. Losses of business property (attach statement)				
16. Bad debts arising from sales or services				
17. Depreciation and obsolescence (explain in Schedule C-1)				
18. Repairs (explain in Schedule C-2)				
19. Depletion of mines, oil and gas wells, timber, etc. (submit schedule)				
20. Amortization of emergency facilities (attach statement)				
21. Other business expenses (explain in Schedule C-2)				
22. Total of lines 11 to 21				
23. Net profit (or loss) before net operating loss deduction (line 10 less line 22)			$	
24. Less net operating loss deduction (attach statement)				
25. Net profit (or loss). (Enter in Schedule C, page 2, Form 1040) net loss			$ 119	48

Schedule C-1. EXPLANATION OF DEDUCTION FOR DEPRECIATION CLAIMED ON LINE 17

1. Kind of property (If buildings, state material of which constructed)	2. Date acquired	3. Cost or other basis (do not include land or other nondepreciable property)	4. Assets fully depreciated in use at end of year	5. Depreciation allowed (or allowable) in prior years	6. Remaining cost or other basis to be recovered	7. Estimated life used in accumulating depreciation	8. Estimated remaining life from beginning of year	9. Depreciation allowable this year
		$	$	$	$			$

Schedule C-2. EXPLANATION OF LINES 6, 18, AND 21

1. Line No.	2. Explanation	3. Amount		1. Line No.	2. Explanation	3. Amount	
6	Utilities and rent	$ 154	30			$	
6	Prof membership dues	24	00				
6	Packing & shipping	10	66				

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INSTRUCTIONS

If you owned a business, or practiced a profession, you should fill in separate Schedule C on other side and enter the net profit (or loss) in Schedule C, page 2, on Form 1040.

Separate Schedule C should include income from (1) sale of merchandise, or products of manufacturing, mining, and construction; (2) business service; and (3) professional service. In general, you should report any income in the earning of which you have incurred expenses for material, labor, supplies, and the like. A farmer keeping his books of account on the accrual basis may include the income in such schedule from the sale of products of agriculture in lieu of including such income in Form 1040F.

Kind of Business.—Describe the business or profession in the space provided at the top of the schedule, as "drug store," "laundry," "grocery," "doctor," "lawyer," etc. Indicate also the name under which the business or profession is conducted and the established business address.

Total Receipts.—You should include all income derived from your trade or business. In determining the amount to be entered as total receipts, you should subtract from your total income such items as cost of returned goods, rebates, and allowances from the sale price or service charge.

Cost of Goods Sold.—If you are engaged in a trade or business in which the production, purchase, or sale of merchandise is an income-producing factor, you should, in order to reflect the gross profits correctly, take an inventory of merchandise on hand at the beginning and end of the taxable year. Generally, the bases of valuation most commonly used by business concerns and which meet the requirements of the applicable law and regulations are (*a*) cost and (*b*) cost or market, whichever is lower. The basis properly adopted for the first year is controlling, and a change can be made only after permission is secured from the Commissioner. Application for permission to change the basis of valuing inventories must be made in writing and filed with the Commissioner within 90 days after the beginning of the taxable year in which it is desired to effect a change. You should enter the letters "C" or "C or M" immediately before the amount column, if inventories are valued at either cost, or cost or market, whichever is lower.

If you are a dealer in securities and your books of account reflect inventories of unsold securities on hand either at (*a*) cost; (*b*) cost or market, whichever is lower; or (*c*) market value, you may use, in computing your cost of goods sold, the basis upon which your accounts are kept. A description of the method used must be included in the return. All securities must be inventoried by the same method. The method adopted must be adhered to in subsequent years, unless another method is authorized by the Commissioner.

If you are a retail merchant using the "retail method" of pricing inventories you may make your return upon that basis, provided that (*a*) the use of such method is designated upon the return; (*b*) accurate accounts are kept; and (*c*) such method is consistently adhered to unless a change is authorized by the Commissioner.

The Commissioner may consent, if you are engaged in mining or manufacturing, to the use of allocated costs as a basis for pricing inventories provided the allocation bears a reasonable relation to the respective selling values of the different kinds, sizes, or grades of products which in the aggregate absorbs the total cost of production.

An elective inventory method is provided by law which is not dependent upon the character of the business in which you are engaged and may be adopted as of the close of any taxable year. If you are permitted or required to take inventories in accordance with any one of the methods outlined above, you may treat all goods, specified in your application, remaining on hand at the close of the taxable years as being those (*a*) included in the opening inventory of the taxable year, in the order of acquisition and to the extent thereof, and (*b*) acquired during the taxable year.

The requirements with respect to the adoption and use of the elective inventory method are set forth on Form 970 which should be filed with your return for the first year of the election. Thereafter, you should attach a separate schedule showing: (*a*) A summary of all inventories; (*b*) with respect to inventories computed under the elective method, if any, the computation of quantities and cost by acquisition levels.

Installment Sales.—If you use the installment method of reporting income from sales, you should attach to your return a schedule showing separately for the years 1947, 1948, 1949, and 1950 the following: (*a*) Gross sales; (*b*) cost of goods sold; (*c*) gross profits; (*d*) percentage of profits to gross sales; (*e*) amounts collected; and (*f*) gross profit on amount collected.

Salaries and Wages.—You should enter all salaries and wages not included as "Cost of Labor" under "Cost of Goods Sold." Do not deduct any salary or wages for your own services or services of others not performed in connection with your business.

Rent on Business Property.—Rents paid or accrued on business property in which you have no equity are deductible. Do not include rent for a building, or any part, which you occupy for residential purposes.

Interest on Business Indebtedness.—Interest on business indebtedness to others is deductible. Do not include interest to yourself on capital invested in or advanced to the business.

Taxes on Business and Business Property.—Include taxes paid or accrued on business property or incurred for carrying on your business. Federal import duties and Federal excise and stamp taxes are deductible if paid or incurred in carrying on a trade or business. Do not include taxes assessed against local benefits of a kind tending to increase the value of the property assessed, as for paving, sewers, etc.

Losses of Business Property.—You may deduct losses of business property by fire, storm, or other casualty, or theft, not compensated by insurance or otherwise and not made good by repairs claimed as a deduction. Attach a statement showing a description of the property, date acquired, cost, subsequent improvements, depreciation allowable since acquisition, insurance, salvage value, and deductible loss.

Bad Debts Arising From Sales or Services.—Include debts, or portions thereof, arising from sales or professional services that have been reflected in income, which have been definitely ascertained to be worthless, or such reasonable amount as has been added to a reserve for bad debts within the taxable year. A debt previously deducted as bad which reduced your tax in a prior year, if subsequently collected, must be returned as income for the year in which collected.

Depreciation and Obsolescence.—You may deduct a reasonable allowance for exhaustion, wear and tear, and obsolescence of property used in the trade or business. If the property was acquired by purchase on or after March 1, 1913, the amount of depreciation should be determined upon the basis of the original cost (not replacement cost) of the property, and the probable number of years remaining of its expected useful life. In case the property was purchased prior to March 1, 1913, the amount of depreciation will be determined in the same manner, except that it will be computed on its original cost, less depreciation sustained prior to March 1, 1913, or its fair market value as of that date, whichever is greater. The capital sum to be recovered should be charged off ratably over the useful life of the property.

If a deduction is claimed on account of depreciation you should fill in Schedule C-1. In case obsolescence is included, state separately amount claimed and basis upon which it is computed. Land values or cost must not be included in this schedule, and where land and buildings were purchased for a lump sum, the cost of the building subject to depreciation must be established. The adjusted property accounts and the accumulated depreciation shown in the schedule should be reconciled with those accounts as reflected on your books.

Repairs.—You may deduct the cost of incidental repairs, including labor, supplies, and other items, which do not add to the value or appreciably prolong the life of the property. Expenditures for new buildings, machinery, equipment, or for permanent improvements or betterments which increase the value of the property are chargeable to capital accounts. Expenditures for restoring or replacing property are not deductible, since such expenditures are chargeable to capital accounts or to depreciation reserve depending on how depreciation is charged on your books.

Depletion of Mines, Oil and Gas Wells, Timber, Etc.—If a deduction is claimed on account of depletion, you should procure from the collector Form M (mines and other natural deposits), Form O (oil and gas), or Form T (timber), fill in and file with return. If complete valuation data have been filed with questionnaire in previous years, then file with your return information necessary to bring depletion schedule up to date, setting forth, in full, statement of all transactions bearing on deductions from or additions to value of physical assets during the taxable year with explanation of how depletion deduction for the taxable year has been determined.

Amortization.—You are entitled, at your election, to a deduction with respect to the amortization of the adjusted basis of any emergency facility the construction, reconstruction, erection, or installation of which was completed after December 31, 1949, or the acquisition of which occurred after December 31, 1949, and with respect to which the Government has issued a certificate of necessity. A statement of the pertinent facts should be filed with the taxpayer's election to take amortization deduction with respect to such facility. (See section 124A of the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations issued thereunder.)

Other Business Deductions.—You should include all ordinary and necessary business expenses for which no space is provided in the schedule. Any deduction claimed should be explained in Schedule C-2. Do not include cost of business equipment or furniture, expenditures for replacements, or for permanent improvements to property, nor personal living and family expenses.

Net Operating Loss Deduction.—If you claim a net operating loss deduction on your return, you should file a concise statement setting forth the amount of the net operating loss deduction claimed and all material and pertinent facts relative thereto, including a detailed statement showing the computation of the net operating loss deduction. If you desire prompt payment of any refund attributable to a carry-back of a net operating loss, you should file Form 1045 in accordance with the instructions printed on such form.

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FORM 1040
U.S. Treasury Department
Internal Revenue Service

U. S. INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX RETURN

1949

For calendar year 1949 or fiscal year beginning ....., 1949, and ending ....., 1950

EMPLOYEES: Instead of this form, you may use Form 1040A if your total income was less than $5,000, consisting wholly of wages shown on Forms W-2, or of such wages and not more than $100 of other wages, dividends, and interest.

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Name VICTOR M. and LYDIA ARNAUTOFF
(PLEASE PRINT. If this is a joint return of husband and wife, use first names of both)

HOME ADDRESS 1007 Washington St., Colma, Calif.
(PLEASE PRINT. Street and number or rural route)

Colma (City, town, or post office) 25 (Postal zone number) California (State)

Social Security No. Co lege Professor Occupation 555-28-0573 545-05-6678

Your exemptions

1. List your own name. If married and your wife (or husband) had no income, or if this is a joint return of husband and wife, list name of your wife (or husband). List names of other close relatives (as defined in Instructions) with 1949 incomes of less than $500 who received more than one-half of their support from you in 1949. If this is a joint return of husband and wife, list dependent relatives of both.

Name (please print)	Check below whether you (or your wife) were at the end of your taxable year— 65 OR OVER	BLIND	On lines a and b below— Write 1 if neither 65 nor blind; Write 2 if either 65 or blind; Write 3 if both 65 and blind.
Your name Victor Arnautoff	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☒	a. Number of exemptions for you 1
Wife's (or husband's) name Lydia Arnautoff	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☒	b. Number of her (his) exemptions 1

Name of Other Dependent Relative	Relationship	Address—if different from yours

Enter here total number of exemptions claimed (yours and your wife's plus one for each dependent listed above) → 2

Your income

2. Enter your total wages, salaries, bonuses, commissions, and other compensation received in 1949, BEFORE PAY-ROLL DEDUCTIONS for taxes, dues, insurance, bonds, etc. Also enter amount of income tax withheld. Persons claiming traveling or reimbursed expenses, see Instructions.

Print Employer's Name	Where Employed (City and State)	Amount of Income Tax Withheld		Total Wages	
Stanford University	Stanford, Californ	$ 580.	80	$ 3,850	08
S.F. Tuberculosis Assn.	304 Mission St. San Francisco	10	10	96	00
City & County of S.F.	585 Bush St.	25	80	281	81
	Enter totals	$ 616	70	$ 4227	89

3. Enter here the total amount of your dividends
4. Enter here the total amount of your interest (including interest credited on savings accounts; also interest from Government obligations unless wholly exempt from taxation)
5. If you received any other income, give details on page 2 and enter the total here 212 10
6. Add income shown in items 2, 3, 4, and 5, and enter the total here $ 4,439 99

How to figure the tax

IF YOUR INCOME WAS LESS THAN $5,000.—You may find your tax in the table on page 4. This table allows about 10 percent of your total income for charitable contributions, interest, taxes, medical expenses, etc. If such deductions exceed 10 percent, it will usually be to your advantage to itemize them and compute your tax on page 3.

IF INCOME WAS $5,000 OR MORE.—Do not use tax table. Compute tax on page 3. Use standard deduction or itemize deductions, whichever is to your advantage.

HUSBAND AND WIFE.—For split-income benefits, file a joint return. If filing separate returns, and one itemizes deductions, both must itemize.

Tax due or refund

7. Enter your tax from table on page 4, or from line 18, page 3 ~~462~~ $ ~~500~~ 483.00
8. How much have you paid on your 1949 income tax?
   (A) By tax withheld (in item 2, above). Attach Original Forms W-2 $616.70 ~~483.00~~ ~~16.70~~
   (B) By payments on 1949 Declaration of Estimated Tax
   Enter total here → 616 70
9. If your tax (item 7) is larger than payments (item 8), enter BALANCE OF TAX DUE here $
   This balance of tax due must be paid in full with return.
10. If your payments (item 8) are larger than your tax (item 7), enter the OVERPAYMENT here 133.70 $ ~~16~~ 117 ~~70~~ 00
    Check (✓) whether you want this overpayment: Refunded to you ☐; or Credited on your 1950 estimated tax ☐
    Do you owe any prior year Federal tax for which you have been billed? no (Yes or No)

If you filed a return for a prior year, state latest year 1949
Where filed San Francisco, Calif.
To which Collector's office did you pay amount claimed in item 8 (B), above? SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

County in which you reside SAN MATEO
Is your wife (or husband) making a separate return for 1949? NO (Yes or No)
If "Yes," write her (or his) name

I declare under the penalties of perjury that this return (including any accompanying schedules and statements) has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is a true, correct, and complete return.

(Signature of person, other than taxpayer, preparing this return) (Date)

(Name of firm or employer, if any)

Victor Arnautoff (Signature of taxpayer) 3/11-50 (Date)

Lydia V. Arnautoff (Signature of taxpayer's wife or husband if this is a joint return) 3/11/50 (Date)

To assure any benefits of split-income provisions, husband and wife must include all their income, and BOTH MUST SIGN, even though only one has income.

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Do not use this page if your income is wholly from salaries, wages, dividends, and interest

Schedule A.—INCOME FROM ANNUITIES OR PENSIONS

1. Cost of annuity (total amount you paid in)	$	4. Total amount received this year	$
2. Amount received tax-free in prior years		5. Excess, if any, of line 4 over line 3	
3. Remainder of cost (line 1 less line 2)	$	6. Enter line 5, or 3 percent of line 1, whichever is greater (but do not enter more than line 4)	$

Schedule B.—INCOME FROM RENTS AND ROYALTIES

1. Kind and location of property	2. Amount of rent or royalty	3. Depreciation or depletion (explain in Schedule F)	4. Repairs (explain in Schedule G)	5. Other expenses (itemize in Schedule G)
	$	$	$	$
Net profit (or loss) (col. 2 less sum of cols. 3, 4, and 5)	$	$	$	$

Schedule C.—PROFIT (OR LOSS) FROM BUSINESS OR PROFESSION. (Farmers should obtain Form 1040F)

State (1) nature of business Artist; (2) business name

(3) business address 730 Montgomery St.S.F. & 1007 Washington,Colma

Do NOT include in this schedule cost of goods withdrawn for personal use or deductions not connected with business or profession.

1. Total receipts $ 490 00

COST OF GOODS SOLD		OTHER BUSINESS DEDUCTIONS	
(To be used where inventories are an income-determining factor) (Enter the letters "C" or "C or M" on lines 2 and 8 if inventories are valued at either cost, or cost or market, whichever is lower)		11. Salaries and wages not in line 4	$
		12. Rent	212 00
		13. Interest on business indebtedness	
		14. Taxes on business and business property	
2. Inventory at beginning of year	$	15. Losses (explain in Schedule G)	
3. Merchandise bought for sale		16. Bad debts arising from sales or services	
4. Labor		17. Depreciation, obsolescence, and depletion (explain in Schedule F)	
5. Material and supplies		18. Repairs	
6. Other costs (explain in Schedule G)		19. Other expenses (explain in Schedule G)	65 90
7. Total of lines 2 to 6	$	20. Net operating loss deduction (attach statement)	
8. Less inventory at end of year		21. Total of lines 11 to 20	$ 277 90
9. Net cost of goods sold (line 7 less line 8)	$	22. Total of lines 9 and 21	$
10. Gross profit (line 1 less line 9)	$	23. Net profit (or loss) (line 1 less line 22)	212 10

Schedule D.—GAINS AND LOSSES FROM SALES OR EXCHANGES OF CAPITAL ASSETS, ETC.

1. Net gain (or loss) from sale or exchange of capital assets (from separate Schedule D)
2. Net gain (or loss) from sale or exchange of property other than capital assets (from separate Schedule D)

Schedule E.—INCOME FROM PARTNERSHIPS, ESTATES AND TRUSTS, AND OTHER SOURCES

	NAME	ADDRESS	AMOUNT
1. Partnership, syndicate, etc.			$
2. Estate or trust			
3. Other sources (state nature)			
			Enter total here →

Total income (or loss) from above sources (Enter as item 5, page 1) $

Schedule F.—EXPLANATION OF DEDUCTION FOR DEPRECIATION CLAIMED IN SCHEDULES B AND C

1. Kind of property (If buildings, state material of which constructed)	2. Date acquired	3. Cost or other basis (do not include land or other nondepreciable property)	4. Assets fully depreciated in use at end of year	5. Depreciation allowed (or allowable) in prior years	6. Remaining cost or other basis to be recovered	7. Estimated life used in accumulating depreciation	8. Estimated remaining life from beginning of year	9. Depreciation allowable this year
		$	$	$	$			$

Schedule G.—EXPLANATION OF COLUMNS 4 AND 5 OF SCHEDULE B, AND LINES 6, 15, AND 19 OF SCHEDULE C

1. Column or Line No.	2. Explanation	3. Amount	1. Column or Line No.	2. Explanation	3. Amount
19	Gas & Elec.(Studio)	$ 2 40			$
	Telephone	12 50			
	Materials	30 00			
	Frames	15 00			
	Heat	6 00			

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ITEMIZED DEDUCTIONS—FOR PERSONS NOT USING TAX TABLE ON PAGE 4 OR STANDARD DEDUCTION ON LINE 2 BELOW—
If husband and wife (not legally separated) file separate returns and one itemizes deductions, the other must also itemize

	Describe deductions and state to whom paid. If more space is needed, list deductions on separate sheet of paper and attach to this return.		Amount
Contributions		$	
	Allowable Contributions (not in excess of 15 percent of item 6, page 1)		$
Interest		$	
	Total Interest		
Taxes		$	
	Total Taxes		
Losses from fire, storm, or other casualty, or theft		$	
	Total Allowable Losses (not compensated by insurance or otherwise)		
Medical and dental expenses		$	
	Net Expenses (not compensated by insurance or otherwise)	$	
	Enter 5 percent of item 6, page 1, and subtract from Net Expenses		
	Allowable Medical and Dental Expenses. See Instructions for limitation		
Miscellaneous (See Instructions)		$	
	Total Miscellaneous Deductions		
	TOTAL DEDUCTIONS		$

TAX COMPUTATION—FOR PERSONS NOT USING TAX TABLE ON PAGE 4

1. Enter amount shown in item 6, page 1. This is your Adjusted Gross Income ..... $
2. Enter DEDUCTIONS. If deductions are itemized above, enter the total of such deductions. If adjusted gross income (line 1, above) is $5,000 or more and deductions are not itemized, enter the standard deduction of 10 percent of line 1, above, or $1,000, whichever is the lesser, or $500 if this is the separate return of a married person .....
3. Subtract line 2 from line 1. Enter the difference here. This is your Net Income ..... $
4. Multiply $600 by total number of exemptions claimed in item 1, page 1. Enter total here .....
5. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter difference here ..... $

Lines 6, 7, and 8 should be filled in ONLY by a single person or a married person making a separate return

6. Use the tax rates shown in Instructions to figure your tentative tax on amount shown in line 5 (if line 3, above, includes partially tax-exempt interest, see Instructions). Enter the tentative tax here ..... $
7. If line 6 is (*a*) not over $400, enter 17% of amount on line 6 .....
   (*b*) over $400 but not over $100,000, enter $68 plus 12% of the excess over $400 .....
   (*c*) over $100,000, enter $12,020 plus 9.75% of the excess over $100,000 .....
8. Subtract line 7 from line 6. Enter the difference here. This is your combined normal tax and surtax ..... $

Lines 9 to 13 should be filled in ONLY if this is a joint return of husband and wife

9. Enter here one-half of amount on line 5, above ..... $
10. Use the tax rates shown in Instructions to figure your tentative tax on amount shown in line 9 (if line 3, above, includes partially tax-exempt interest, see Instructions). Enter the tentative tax here ..... $
11. If line 10 is (*a*) not over $400, enter 17% of amount on line 10 .....
    (*b*) over $400 but not over $100,000, enter $68 plus 12% of the excess over $400 .....
    (*c*) over $100,000, enter $12,020 plus 9.75% of the excess over $100,000 .....
12. Subtract line 11 from line 10. Enter the difference here ..... $
13. Multiply amount on line 12 by 2. Enter this tax here. This is your combined normal tax and surtax ..... $
14. If alternative tax computation is made on separate Schedule D, enter here tax from line 12 on back of Schedule D ..... $

If you used the standard deduction in line 2, disregard lines 15, 16, and 17, and copy on line 18 the same figure you entered on line 8, 13, or 14, whichever is applicable

15. Enter here any income tax payments to a foreign country or U. S. possession (attach Form 1116) ..... $
16. Enter here any income tax paid at source on tax-free covenant bond interest .....
17. Add the figures on lines 15 and 16 and enter the total here ..... $
18. Subtract line 17 from line 8, 13, or 14, whichever is applicable. Enter difference here and in item 7, page 1. This is your tax ..... $

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If you use this table, tear off this page and file only pages 1 and 2

1949 TAX TABLE

FOR PERSONS WITH INCOMES UNDER $5,000 NOT COMPUTING TAX ON PAGE 3

Read down the shaded columns below until you find the line covering the total income you entered in Item 6, page 1. Then read across to the column headed by the number corresponding to the number of exemptions claimed in Item 1, page 1. Enter the tax you find there in Item 7, page 1.

If total income in Item 6, page 1, is—		And the number of exemptions claimed in Item 1, page 1, is—			
At least	But less than	1	2	3	4 or more
		Your tax is—			
$0	$675	$0	$0	$0	$0
675	700	3	0	0	0
700	725	7	0	0	0
725	750	11	0	0	0
750	775	14	0	0	0
775	800	18	0	0	0
800	825	22	0	0	0
825	850	26	0	0	0
850	875	29	0	0	0
875	900	33	0	0	0
900	925	37	0	0	0
925	950	40	0	0	0
950	975	44	0	0	0
975	1,000	48	0	0	0
1,000	1,025	52	0	0	0
1,025	1,050	55	0	0	0
1,050	1,075	59	0	0	0
1,075	1,100	63	0	0	0
1,100	1,125	67	0	0	0
1,125	1,150	70	0	0	0
1,150	1,175	74	0	0	0
1,175	1,200	78	0	0	0
1,200	1,225	82	0	0	0
1,225	1,250	85	0	0	0
1,250	1,275	89	0	0	0
1,275	1,300	93	0	0	0
1,300	1,325	96	0	0	0
1,325	1,350	100	1	0	0
1,350	1,375	104	4	0	0
1,375	1,400	108	8	0	0
1,400	1,425	111	12	0	0
1,425	1,450	115	16	0	0
1,450	1,475	119	19	0	0
1,475	1,500	123	23	0	0
1,500	1,525	126	27	0	0
1,525	1,550	130	31	0	0
1,550	1,575	134	34	0	0
1,575	1,600	138	38	0	0
1,600	1,625	141	42	0	0
1,625	1,650	145	45	0	0
1,650	1,675	149	49	0	0
1,675	1,700	153	53	0	0
1,700	1,725	156	57	0	0
1,725	1,750	160	60	0	0
1,750	1,775	164	64	0	0
1,775	1,800	167	68	0	0
1,800	1,825	171	72	0	0
1,825	1,850	175	75	0	0
1,850	1,875	179	79	0	0
1,875	1,900	182	83	0	0
1,900	1,925	186	87	0	0
1,925	1,950	190	90	0	0
1,950	1,975	194	94	0	0
1,975	2,000	197	98	0	0
2,000	2,025	201	101	2	0
2,025	2,050	205	105	6	0
2,050	2,075	209	109	9	0
2,075	2,100	212	113	13	0
2,100	2,125	216	116	17	0
2,125	2,150	220	120	21	0
2,150	2,175	223	124	24	0
2,175	2,200	227	128	28	0
2,200	2,225	231	131	32	0
2,225	2,250	235	135	35	0
2,250	2,275	238	139	39	0
2,275	2,300	242	143	43	0
2,300	2,325	246	146	47	0

If total income in Item 6, page 1, is—		And the number of exemptions claimed in Item 1, page 1, is—									
		1	2		3		4	5	6	7	8 or more
			And you are single or a married person filing separately	And you are a married couple filing jointly	And you are single or a married person filing separately	And you are a married couple filing jointly					
At least	But less than	Your tax is—									
$2,325	$2,350	$250	$150	$150	$50	$50	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
2,350	2,375	253	154	154	54	54	0	0	0	0	0
2,375	2,400	257	157	157	58	58	0	0	0	0	0
2,400	2,425	261	161	161	62	62	0	0	0	0	0
2,425	2,450	265	165	165	65	65	0	0	0	0	0
2,450	2,475	268	169	169	69	69	0	0	0	0	0
2,475	2,500	272	172	172	73	73	0	0	0	0	0
2,500	2,525	276	176	176	77	77	0	0	0	0	0
2,525	2,550	280	180	180	80	80	0	0	0	0	0
2,550	2,575	283	184	184	84	84	0	0	0	0	0
2,575	2,600	287	187	187	88	88	0	0	0	0	0
2,600	2,625	291	191	191	92	92	0	0	0	0	0
2,625	2,650	294	195	195	95	95	0	0	0	0	0
2,650	2,675	298	199	199	99	99	0	0	0	0	0
2,675	2,700	302	202	202	103	103	3	0	0	0	0
2,700	2,725	306	206	206	106	106	7	0	0	0	0
2,725	2,750	309	210	210	110	110	11	0	0	0	0
2,750	2,775	313	214	214	114	114	14	0	0	0	0
2,775	2,800	317	217	217	118	118	18	0	0	0	0
2,800	2,825	321	221	221	121	121	22	0	0	0	0
2,825	2,850	324	225	225	125	125	26	0	0	0	0
2,850	2,875	328	228	228	129	129	29	0	0	0	0
2,875	2,900	332	232	232	133	133	33	0	0	0	0
2,900	2,925	336	236	236	136	136	37	0	0	0	0
2,925	2,950	340	240	240	140	140	40	0	0	0	0
2,950	2,975	345	243	243	144	144	44	0	0	0	0
2,975	3,000	349	247	247	148	148	48	0	0	0	0
3,000	3,050	356	253	253	153	153	54	0	0	0	0
3,050	3,100	364	260	260	161	161	61	0	0	0	0
3,100	3,150	373	268	268	168	168	68	0	0	0	0
3,150	3,200	382	275	275	176	176	76	0	0	0	0
3,200	3,250	391	283	283	183	183	83	0	0	0	0
3,250	3,300	399	290	290	190	190	91	0	0	0	0
3,300	3,350	408	298	298	198	198	98	0	0	0	0
3,350	3,400	417	305	305	205	205	106	6	0	0	0
3,400	3,450	425	312	312	213	213	113	14	0	0	0
3,450	3,500	434	320	320	220	220	121	21	0	0	0
3,500	3,550	443	327	327	228	228	128	29	0	0	0
3,550	3,600	452	335	335	235	235	136	36	0	0	0
3,600	3,650	460	344	342	243	243	143	44	0	0	0
3,650	3,700	469	353	350	250	250	151	51	0	0	0
3,700	3,750	478	362	357	258	258	158	59	0	0	0
3,750	3,800	486	370	365	265	265	166	66	0	0	0
3,800	3,850	495	379	372	273	273	173	73	0	0	0
3,850	3,900	504	388	380	280	280	181	81	0	0	0
3,900	3,950	513	396	387	288	288	188	88	0	0	0
3,950	4,000	521	405	395	295	295	195	96	0	0	0
4,000	4,050	530	414	402	303	303	203	103	4	0	0
4,050	4,100	539	423	410	310	310	210	111	11	0	0
4,100	4,150	547	431	417	317	317	218	118	19	0	0
4,150	4,200	556	440	425	325	325	225	126	26	0	0
4,200	4,250	565	449	432	332	332	233	133	34	0	0
4,250	4,300	574	457	439	341	340	240	141	41	0	0
4,300	4,350	582	466	447	350	347	248	148	49	0	0
4,350	4,400	591	475	454	359	355	255	156	56	0	0
4,400	4,450	600	483	462	367	362	263	163	63	0	0
4,450	4,500	608	492	469	376	370	270	171	71	0	0
4,500	4,550	617	501	477	385	377	278	178	78	0	0
4,550	4,600	626	510	484	393	385	285	186	86	0	0
4,600	4,650	635	518	492	402	392	293	193	93	0	0
4,650	4,700	643	527	499	411	400	300	200	101	1	0
4,700	4,750	652	536	507	420	407	308	208	108	9	0
4,750	4,800	661	544	514	428	415	315	215	116	16	0
4,800	4,850	669	553	522	437	422	322	223	123	24	0
4,850	4,900	678	562	529	446	430	330	230	131	31	0
4,900	4,950	687	571	537	454	437	337	238	138	39	0
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TITLE
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was

CHARACTER OF CASE
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL

ARNAUTOFF resides 1007 Washington St., Colma, California. Continues to attend meetings of the "Russian Branch Club CP" aka "The Eleven Branch," RAS meetings, and ASP meetings. Surveillances reflect subject visited offices of RAS, ARI, and International Book Store at San Francisco, California.

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DETAILS: The July 1952 San Francisco Telephone Directory reflected that VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF resides at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California.

I. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND COMMUNIST PARTY CONTROLLED ORGANIZATIONS.

A. Communist Party

San Francisco T-1, of known reliability, on July 25, 1952 advised that subject continues to be active in the "Russian Branch Club" aka "The Eleven Club" of the Communist Party, having attended meetings on June 19 and July 15, 1952.

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The educational on "Imperialism--The Eve of the Socialist Revolution from Leontiev's Political Economy" was led by the subject on June 19, 1952. At this meeting the subject also commented that no political work was being done at the Russian American Society as of late, and at the July 15 meeting stated that he had been requested to send a congratulatory message to the Soviet Union on the completion of the Volga-Don Canal. He suggested that a congratulatory telegram be sent in the name of the Russian American Society, which will be referred to hereafter as the RAS.

The Communist Party, USA, has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

B. Russian American Society (RAS)

SF T-1 on March 10, 1952 advised that as of that date and for several years previously, the RAS was controlled by members of the Communist Party and persons sympathetic to the Communist Party or the Soviet Union, and that its activity consists primarily of dissemination of propaganda on behalf of the USSR. Since its inception in 1942, ARNAUTOFF has continuously been President of the RAS, which has office space, a meeting hall, and a library at 321 Divisadero St., San Francisco, California.

SF T-1 advised that the subject attended meetings of the RAS Executive Board on June 16 and July 17, 1952 and regular meetings on June 20 and July 11, 1952 at 321 Divisadero St., San Francisco. At the June 16 meeting, a letter was read announcing the start of the annual "People's World" Fund Drive, and after some discussion it was decided that the RAS would hold a picnic sometime in July, the proceeds to be given to the "People's World" newspaper.

SF T-1 reported that the subject at the June 20 meeting was elected as one of two individuals to represent the RAS at an all-day conference for the Protection of the Foreign Born which was to be held on June 22, 1952. In order to combat the anti-Soviet work among San Francisco Russians and as a means of fighting reaction, it was decided that the RAS revive, print, and distribute among San Francisco Russians their leaflet, "For Peace."

According to SF T-1, MRS. MARY SHOPOVALOV, a member of the RAS, agreed to take charge and requested the members to furnish material to her for the first leaflet to be issued August 1, 1952.

The California State Committee on Un-American Activities, 1948 report, identifies the "Daily People's World" as a Communist-controlled newspaper.

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SF T-1 advised that MARY SHOPOVALOV at the July 11 meeting reported on the progress regarding material obtained for their first leaflet which she said would be ready about August 1, 1952. It was decided that subject would collect all the material for the leaflet from members, and when en route to Stanford University at Palo Alto, California, where he is employed, would deliver same to MARY SHOPOVALOV.

According to SF T-1, the July 17, 1952 meeting was devoted to a report on the preparations for the "People's World" picnic to be held July 27, 1952 in Petaluma, California, and regarding the first issue of the leaflet, "For Peace." The subject reported at the July 17 meeting that the first issue of the leaflet, "For Peace," had been completed, its contents being approved for mimeographing. It was also decided to mineograph several copies of the congratulatory message to be sent to the Soviet Union upon completion of the Volga-Dan Canal.

San Francisco T-5, of known reliability, on August 4, 1952 advised that subject attended the RAS picnic which was held four miles north of Petaluma, California, on Hatchery Road.

C. San Francisco Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions.

On May 10, 1951, San Francisco T-2, of known reliability, who is a member of the Communist Party in San Francisco and a member of the San Francisco Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions, which will be referred to hereafter as the ASP, has advised that the Council is completely controlled and dominated by members of the Communist Party.

San Francisco T-3, of known reliability, on July 17, 1952 advised that subject attended a meeting of the San Francisco Council of the ASP on June 16, 1952 at 771 Waller Street, San Francisco, at which time "Art" was discussed. SF T-3 also advised that subject attended ASP meetings on June 23 and June 24, 1952, the June 23 meeting involving a discussion regarding the distribution of the organization's work whereas the June 24 meeting involved a discussion regarding Negroes in the field of art.

San Francisco T-4, of known reliability, on June 25, 1952 advised that a conference on equal rights for Negroes sponsored by the Northern California National Council of the ASP groups from the East Bay, Marin, and San Francisco Counties was held on June 21, 1952 at Druid Hill, 44 Page St., San Francisco. This conference was attended by approximately 90 persons including the subject. SF T-3 stated that the conference dealt with full equality in all fields of endeavor for Negroes, and that the ASP will attempt to set up guidance centers in which to educate parents as well as children on this equal rights for Negroes question.

II. MISCELLANEOUS

San Francisco T-11, of known reliability, advised that he observed subject for varying periods of time on July 1, 10, 24, 25, 28, August 5, 7, 9, 10, 12 and 13, 1952. The activities of the subject during this period which were observed did not appear to have any significance from an intelligence standpoint. It was noted that subject en route to his home from Stanford

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University on July 28, 1952, where he is employed, visited the home of MICHAEL and MARY SHOPOVALOV, both members of the RAS, for a period of approximately 15 minutes, their home being located at 740 Creek Drive, Menlo Park, California.

It was also noted that subject on August 7, 1952 visited 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, wherein the California Labor School and the RAS Offices are located; 101 Post St., San Francisco, wherein the Offices of the American Russian Institute for Cultural Relations with the Soviet Union are located; and the International Book Store, Inc., 1408 Market Street, San Francisco.

On August 7, 1952, San Francisco T-6, of known reliability, advised that as of 12:30 pm on that date a person whose physical description closely resembled that of Dr. HOLLAND D. ROBERTS, the President of the American Russian Institute, hereafter referred to as the ARI, was in the Office of the ARI at that time. SF T-6 later advised that he had seen HOLLAND D. ROBERTS lunching at a nearby restaurant but could furnish no additional information.

The ARI and the California Labor School have both been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The California Committee on Un-American Activities report of 1947, page 100, cites the International Book Store, San Francisco, as the "Communist Party book center in the Bay area for the distribution of its literature."

On August 10, 1952, SF T-11 advised that a jeep station wagon bearing 1952 California license 6G3579 was observed being parked by a male occupant who entered the home of the subject at 1007 Washington St., Colma, Calif.

According to the California Department of Motor Vehicles, 1952 California license 6G3579 is a 1947 jeep station wagon registered to GERTRUDE WRIGHT SAXTON, 3 Lower Crescent, Sausalito, California.

The significance of the above contact is not known; however the driver of the station wagon resembled ALEXANDER SAXTON. The above mentioned jeep station wagon was also observed on August 24, 1952 parked in front of the residence of the subject.

San Francisco T-7, of known reliability, on May 8, 1951 advised that GERTRUDE and ALEXANDER SAXTON attended a meeting of the Marin County Branch of the National Council of the ASP in Mill Valley, California, on May 6, 1951. SF T-7 on November 16, 1950 advised that ALEXANDER SAXTON admitted being a Communist Party member on numerous occasions prior to that time and also advised that SAXTON had donated the entire financial proceeds from a book which he had written and published in 1948 to the Communist Party.

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SF T-7 on January 29, 1951 reported that BETTY DE PRADO, wife of the Marin County Communist Party organizer, had positively identified GERTRUDE SAXTON as a member of the Marin County Branch of the Communist Party.

On the evening of August 12, 1952, the subject and his wife were observed by SF T-11 to enter the apartment house at 221 Noe Street, San Francisco, and remain for approximately two hours wherein GEORGE WILLIAMS, a member of the RAS and the Communist Party, resides.

SF T-1 advised on June 5, 1952 that GEORGE WILLIAMS was the "boss" of the RAS and also of the "Russian Branch of the Communist Party," and is a member of the Communist Party Security Commission. SF T-1 advised that a meeting of the above mentioned club was held at 221 Noe St. on August 12, 1952.

SF T-6 on August 14, 1952 advised that at 2:45 pm on that date a person answering the description of the subject entered the offices of the ARI, 101 Post St., San Francisco, and left at 3:15 pm. SF T-6 stated that ROSE ISAAK, Secretary of the ARI, was present in the ARI Office during that period of time, and that the individual resembling the subject entered the building empty-handed but left the building carrying a number of magazines which he was unable to identify.

MRS. RAYMOND DUSTE, 1004 Washington Street, Colma, California, advised that subject's son MICHAEL resided at 1007 Washington Street with his wife and that when they moved, the subject and his wife occupied the premises sometime in 1948. She stated that the subject and his wife are quiet people and have a considerable number of people visiting them, and that she has seen two Negro couples on occasions among the visitors at subject's home. She believed that the subject is a teacher who was very quiet and appeared to be an intelligent and likeable person, and believed that he possibly speaks several foreign languages including French. She advised that she has little personal knowledge of either the subject or his wife, but that MRS. ARNAUTOFF on one occasion in 1950 had contacted neighbors requesting that they sign a petition regarding outlawing of the atomic bomb. MRS. DUSTE was unable to furnish any additional information regarding the subject or his wife.

MRS. THERESE MISCHAK, 1871 Sweetwood Drive, Colma, California, advised that MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF and his wife LILLIAN, son and daughter-in-law respectively of the subject, had occupied 1007 Washington Street from about October 1947 to the fall of 1948 at which time subject and his wife moved into the premises.

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MRS. MISCHAK said that when speaking to MRS. LYDIA ARNAUTOFF that she feels very uneasy as LYDIA appears to be very inquisitive and searching if any questions are asked of her. She stated that LYDIA ARNAUTOFF several years ago had approached her to sign a "World Peace Appeal" outlawing atomic weapons, but that she had refused to sign the petition; however, her husband did sign merely as a gesture of being a good neighbor. It was her opinion that the majority of the neighbors signed the petition not knowing what it represented or by whom it was sponsored. She advised that on the following day that LYDIA ARNAUTOFF had solicited her signature, it was noted in one of the local newspapers that the petition solicited was sponsored by the Communist Party.

MRS. MISCHAK also advised that LYDIA ARNAUTOFF's mother, who was in her 70's, originally entered the United States about Christmas time 1947 or 1948 and now resides in Southern California.

MRS. MISCHAK advised that the subject was an art instructor at Stanford University, that he spends considerable time at home during the week, and that neither the subject nor his wife associate with any of the neighbors. She stated that MICHAEL, the son of the subject, while residing at 1007 Washington Street, was interested in short wave radio; however, she could not recall ever having seen an outdoor antenna in connection with this short wave radio.

MRS. MISCHAK stated that JAKE ARNAUTOFF, subject's son, is in the U.S. Army and believed stationed in North Carolina at the present time, and that VASILLI ARNAUTOFF, another son, is attending college and had been inducted into the U.S. Army from the U.S. Army Reserve. She believed that VASILLI has been released from the army as a hardship case as his wife is expecting the birth of twins. She also understood that he was studying journalism and English at the University of California at Berkeley, and that he probably graduated in June 1952. MRS. MISCHAK was unable to furnish any further information.

San Francisco T-8, of known reliability, advised that the records of the President's Office, Stanford University, reflected the following employment of the subject:

Position	Date	Salary
Acting instructor in graphic arts.	Spring and Summer, 1936-37	$1000
" "	Spring, 1937-38	$500

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Position	Date	Salary
Teaching assistant in graphic arts.	1938-1941	$1500
Instructor in graphic arts	1941-1942	$1800
Assistant professor of graphic arts.	1942-1945	$2500
" "	1945-1946	$2500
" "	1946-1947	$3000
" "	1947-1948	$3500
" "	1948-1952	$3850
" "	1952	$4200

SF T-8 stated that academic personnel generally serve as assistant professors for three years, as associate professors for five years, and are then promoted to professors. SF T-8 observed that this pattern can be altered by many circumstances and that promotions are generally based upon the individual's outside achievement and recognition in his field .

Confidential sources of information were contacted in the major San Francisco Banks in an attempt to locate savings accounts, commercial accounts, and safe deposit boxes in the name of the subject and/or LYDIA VASILIEVANA ARNAUTOFF or LYDIA BLONSKY. Mrs Victor Michael Arnautoff

San Francisco T-9, of known reliability, advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF and his wife have been known at the Day and Night Branch of the Bank of American, N.T. & S.A., since April 21, 1927; VICTOR ARNAUTOFF formerly having had savings account # 41410 in his own name and presently maintains a joint account with his wife LYDIA bearing savings account # A7155. As of July 23, 1952, this account had a present balance of $458.62. In past years periodic small deposits have been made to this account, the largest deposit being $100, and occasional withdrawals having been made, the largest being $400 on September 24, 1951. The highest balance of the account in the past year was $503.09.

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This account was spot checked back through 1927, it being observed to be an active account. However, all transactions were small, the account never having reached a balance of $1000.

SF T-9 advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF opened a commercial account at the above bank on May 24, 1936 with a deposit of $1360, the opening deposit being a city warrant, and the present balance of the account as of July 12, 1952 was $221.33.

SF T-9 also advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF also signed on the commercial account of the Russian American Society as President of this organization, which account was opened March 19, 1942 with a deposit of $1440.06.

The above bank also has an installment credit loan in the name of VICTOR and LYDIA ARNAUTOFF with a balance of $1087.67, and a second installment credit loan in the name of JACOB VICTOR ARNAUTOFF (son) reflecting a balance of $1283. From the signature card on file, it was determined that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was an artist, born in Russia, mother's maiden name being ADELEIDA KRAVZOFF, and father being listed as MICHAEL. According to the signature card, LYDIA ARNAUTOFF was a housewife, born in Russia, mother's maiden name being MARIA, and father's name being BASIL BLONSKY.

The above information is not to be made public except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena.

The records of the California Department of Motor Vehicles reflect that VICTOR MIKHAIL ARNAUTOFF, 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, has operators license # V118358 which expires March 20, 1956. The license is signed "VICTOR ARNAUTOFF," and describes him as: height 5'10", weight 150 lbs., eyes, brown; hair, brown-grey; born November 11, 1896.

The above records also reflected that VICTOR MIKHAIL ARNAUTOFF was issued California license # 7B44503 with tab # 1697745 on January 3, 1952 as sole owner of a 1941 Nash coupe, motor number RE91390S.

San Francisco T-10, of known reliability, advised that the ARNAUTOFFs were in contact with the following individuals during the period May 29, 1952 and July 25, 1952:

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Name:	Address
MARTIN METAL	221 Bridgeway, Sausalito, Calif.

San Francisco T-13, of known reliability, on November 22, 1950 furnished an advertising folder which reflected that illustrated talks were to be held at 1750 Clay St., San Francisco, which talks were being sponsored by the "San Francisco Neighborhood Council for Peace," 1153 Stanyan Street, San Francisco, California.

One "MARTIN METAL, Design in Industry," was listed for an unannounced February date. MRS. MARGUERITE SMITH, member of the California Club of California, 1750 Clay St., on June 2, 1951 advised that the above group no longer held meetings at 1750 Clay as that Council had been accepted for membership in the San Francisco Council of the ASP.

San Francisco T-14, of known reliability, advised that San Francisco Neighborhood Council for Peace is a Communist front group.

S. BINEMAN, D.D.S.	516 Sutter St., San Francisco, Calif.

San Francisco T-15, of known reliability, on December 7, 1950 reported that SOLOMON BINEMAN was organizational secretary of the Professional Section of the San Francisco Communist Party.

LOUIS M. MINKIN, Optometrist.	347 South Mayfair, Daly City, Calif.

The San Francisco Indices contain no identifying information regarding MINKIN.

No name.	107 Sagamore St., Daly City, Calif.

The San Francisco Reverse Telephone Directory reflected that EDWIN H. and WANA WILLIAMS reside at 107 Sagamore St., San Francisco, California. (This address is within a few blocks of Daly City, California.)

San Francisco Indices contain no information regarding EDWIN H. WILLIAMS, and no pertinent information regarding WANA WILLIAMS.

No name.	1218-C Tenth St., Berkeley 6, Calif.

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The Berkeley Reverse Telephone Directory reflected that VASILY V. ARNAUTOFF (subject's son) resides at this address.

Name:	Address:
MRS. G. OPPENHEIM	577 Belvedere St., San Francisco 17, California.

San Francisco T-16, of known reliability, on September 13, 1950 advised that GABRIELLA OPPENHEIM, 577 Belvedere St., San Francisco, was a member of the Executive Board of the Theodore Dreiser Club #2, and held the position of Educational Director.

No name. 496A Fair Oaks, San Francisco 10, Calif.

The current Reverse Telephone Directory for San Francisco reflects that PETE WINTER and BETTY HIRSCHFELDER reside at this address.

The San Francisco Police Department in a report dated July 12, 1951 advised that PETE WINTER was employed as a teacher at the California Labor School in "Phonograph Workshop."

The California Labor School has previously been cited.

San Francisco T-17, of known reliability, on December 3, 1950 advised that a meeting of the Mission Section of the San Francisco County Communist Party was held on December 2, 1950, which was attended by BETTY HIRSCHFELDER (BETTY HIRSCHFELDER WINTER), who on that date identified herself as being a member of the Noe Valley Branch of the San Francisco County Communist Party.

No name. 771 Waller St., San Francisco, Calif.

The current Reverse Telephone Directory reflects that IRENE and KURT LEVI reside at this address.

San Francisco T-18, of known reliability, on October 10, 1951 advised that IRENE LEVI is a member of the Industrial Club of the Labor Youth League of San Francisco, having attended a meeting of that club on October 5, 1951. The Labor Youth League has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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Name:	Address:

Memo: San Francisco T-19, of known reliability, on March 28, 1949 advised that KURT LEVI was the press director of the Herman Boettcher Club of the Communist Party of San Francisco, and attended a meeting of that club on March 3, 1949. The Communist Party has been previously cited.

P. ASTADYOLE. Mezel, Puy-De Dome, France.

The San Francisco Indices contain no information regarding this individual.

ASHER T. GORDON, M.D. 291 Geary St., San Francisco, California.

San Francisco T-20, of known reliability, on April 25, 1949 advised that ASHER T. GORDON was a member of the Dewey Davis Club, Medical Branch of the Professional Section of the Communist Party of San Francisco.

S. POKHLEBIN 30 Clement St., San Francisco.

The San Francisco Indices contain no derogatory information regarding this individual.

No name.	Suite B, 23 West 26th St., New York 10, New York.
No name.	727 West 7th St., Los Angeles 17, California.
No Name.	1710 Rhode Island, Washington 6, D.C. (post-marked Chicago, Illinois.)

San Francisco T-12, of known reliability, on June 11, 1952 advised that the following toll calls not previously identified were charged to Plaza 5-0472 from 1007 Washingtoon Street, Colma, California, between the period November 14, 1951 to April 1, 1952:

Date:	To:	Identification:
12-1-51	Palo Alto, Da. 3-5516	MICHAEL SHOPOVALOV, 740 Creek Drive, Menlo Park, California (RAS member.)

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Date:	To:	Identification
3-9-52	Berkeley La. 4-2549	VASILY ARNAUTOFF (son), 1218-C Tenth St., Berkeley, California.
3-15-52	Sausalito 1272R	A. P. SAXTON, 3 Lower Crescent, Sausalito (previously identified)
3-31-52	Palo Alto Da. 3-9411	PBX Board, Stanford University.

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SOURCES:

Identify of Informant	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to Whom Furnished	File # Where Located
SF T-1: [redacted]	Russian Branch CP meeting 6-19-52	7-25-52	D.F. MULLANE	100-11889N-850A(2)
	Russ. Branch CP meeting 7-15-52	7-25-52	"	100-11889N-850A(7)
	Re CP Control of RAS, 3-10-52	3-10-52	T.H. SULLIVAN	100-5896-720
	Re RAS Executive Board meeting 6-16-52	7-25-52	D.F. MULLANE	100-11889N-850A(1)
	Re RAS meeting 6-20-52	7-25-52	"	100-11889N-850A(3)
	RE RAS Executive Board meeting 7-17-52	7-25-52	"	100-11889N-850A(8)
	RE Ras meeting 7-11-52	7-25-52	"	100-11889n-850A(6)
	George William as leader in RAS and identifying as CP member	6-5-52	S. F. FEWSTER	100-6359-779
SF T-2: [redacted]	ASP meeting	5-10-51	R. E. THAU	
SF T-3: [redacted]	6-16-52	7-17-52	E. THIBAULT	100-33861A-41A(12)

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SF T-4: [redacted]	ASP meeting 6-21-52	6-25-52	R.L. HAMILTON	100-6359-823
SF T-5: [redacted]	RAS Picnic 7-27-52	8-4-52	H.D. GRUSH	100-6359-821
SF T-6: [redacted]	8/7,14/52	8/7,14/52	J. P. NYE	100-6359-816 and 828
SF T-7: [redacted]	ASP meeting 5-6-51	5-8-51	R.L. HAMILTON	100-26087-161
		11-16-50	"	100-26087-115
		1-29-51	"	100-26631-23
SF T-8: Confidential Source [redacted]	Employment of subject 1936-1952	7-25-52	W.K. WELCH	100-6359-807
SF T-9: Confidential Source [redacted]	Bank Records of subject, 1927 to 7-23-52	7-23-52	J.A. DEARDORFF	100-6359-805
SF T-10: 60 day mail cover on 1007 Washington St., Colma, Calif.				

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SF T-11: Surveillances and spot checks conducted by San Francisco Agents on 7/1,10,24,25,28; 8/5,7,9,10,12,13,24/52. (The names of the SF Agents are maintained in subject's file.)				
SF T-12: [redacted]		6-11-52	FORD LYMAN	
SF T-13: [redacted]	11-14-50, S.F. Neighborhood Council For Peace identification	11-22-50	WM. JOHNSON	100-33093-1
SF T-14: [redacted]	SF Neighborhood Council for Peace identification			100-33093-1
SF T-15: [redacted]	12-6-50 identification of S. BINEMAN as CP member.	12-7-50	J.G. CARLISLE	100-11889-U205A-22)
SF T-16: [redacted]	9-13-50, identification of G. OPPENHEIM as CP member	9-13-50	D.J. KENNEDY	100-32452-4
SF T-17: [redacted]	12-2-50 Identifying BETTE HIRSCHFELDER as CP member	1-3-51	W.J. HOY	100-26272A-419A(1)

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FOIA(b)(7) - (D) SF T-18: [redacted]	10-5-51, identification of IRENE LEVI as LYL member.	10-10-51	P.M. BROOKS	100-31715A-114A(39)
SF T-19: [redacted]	3-3-49, identification of KURT LEVI as CP member.	3-28-49	J.R. WALTERS	100-27082A-22A(14)
SF T-20: [redacted]	4-6-49, identification of A. T. GORDON as CP member.	4-25-49	D. J. KENNEDY	100-11889-0-112A(20)

LEADS

NEW YORK, WASHINGTON FIELD, AND LOS ANGELES OFFICES

A mail cover on the residence of the subject from 5-29-52 to 7-25-52 indicated that subject received correspondence from the following addresses which are unidentified:

Suite B, 23 West 26th St., New York 10, New York.
1710 Rhode Island, Washington 6, D.C., postmarked Chicago.
727 W. 7th St., Los Angeles 17, Calif.

The above offices are requested to identify the occupants of the above address and review their respective indices so that the significance, if any, of these contacts may be determined. It is pointed out that subject was in contact with YURI VASILIEVICH NOVIKOV, 2nd Secretary of the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D.C.. a known espionage agent, during the morning and afternoon of 4-26-52 and the afternoon of 4-27-52 in San Francisco, Calif.

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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Will report subject's activities as received from confidential informants and sources of information.

REFERENCE:

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675)

DATE: September 25, 1952

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-1176)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Re San Francisco report by SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER dated September 12, 1952, which report requested that the Los Angeles Office determine the occupants at 727 West 7th Street, Los Angeles, California.

At 727 West 7th Street in Los Angeles is the Roosevelt Building. This is a large twelve story office building in the heart of Los Angeles containing more than 700 tenants. For this this reason no listing will be made of the tenants and this case is being RUC'd.

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cc: San Francisco (100-6359)

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Suite B, 23 W. 26th St., N.Y., 10, N. Y., is occupied by the Civil Rights Congress.

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DETAILS: At New York City

The building located at 23 West 26th Street, is occupied by the Civil Right Congress, American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee and Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, all of which have been declared by the Attorney General of the United States to fall within the purview of Executive Order 9835. The Civil Rights Congress occupies Suite B of the above-named building.

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REFERENCE San Francisco report of STANLEY F. FEWSTER dated 9/12/52.

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SAC, San Francisco (100-6359) October 24, 1952

Director, FBI (100-47675)

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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A review of instant file reflects numerous leads assigned to your office in a delinquent status. These leads, along with the identity of the communications in which they are set out, include:

1. Determine what classified projects are being conducted at Stanford University (report of SA Stanley F. Fewster, 7-14-52, San Francisco).

2. Interview Michael Arnautoff (Bulet 8-11-52).

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3. Interview [redacted] (Bulet 8-12-52).

4. Interview [redacted] (Bulet 8-21-52).

It is requested that you expedite the coverage of these leads and include in your next report.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, Was.	INTERNAL SECURITY - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: ~~SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL~~

ARNAUTOFF resides 1007 Washington St., Colma, California. Employed as instructor, Art Department, Stanford University and on leave until January 1953. Attended "Russian Branch Club, CP" aka "The Eleven Branch" and RAS meetings. No knowledge of CP organizational affiliations or indication of Communism or Soviet sympathies known to Stanford University associates of subject. One professor reports ARNAUTOFFs as "Liberals" who advocate racial equality, rights of labor unions, and peaceful co-existence with Soviet Union.

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DETAILS:

The October 1952 San Francisco Reverse Telephone Directory reflects that VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF resides at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California.

San Francisco T-1, of known reliability, on October 15, 1952, advised that the subject did not intend to return to Stanford University at Palo Alto, California, to teach until January 1953 as he had conducted art classes during the 1952 summer session at the university.

The September 1952 Stanford University "Time Schedule" for the Autumn Quarter, 1952-1953, reflects that the subject is "absent on leave".

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COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITY

SF T-1 advised that the subject continues to be active in the "Russian Branch Club" also known as "The Eleven Club" of the Communist Party, having attended meetings on July 30, 1952, which was held at the subject's residence; on August 12, 1952, at which meeting the National Presidential Elections were discussed; and on September 15, 1952. At the September 15, 1952 meeting it was decided that future Communist Party Branch meetings of the "Russian Branch Club" would be held at 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, on Friday nights. The meetings would be conducted for a period of one hour prior to the regular Russian American Society meetings.

San Francisco T-2, of known reliability, on June 12, 1952, advised that Mr. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, California, is listed on the 1952 San Francisco Civil Rights Congress mailing list.

The Communist Party and the Civil Rights Congress have both been cited by the U.S. Attorney General as being within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

RUSSIAN AMERICAN SOCIETY (RAS)

SF T-1, on March 10, 1952, advised that as of that date and for several years previous, the RAS was controlled by members of the Communist Party and persons sympathetic to the Communist Party or the Soviet Union, and that its activity consists primarily of dissemination of propaganda on behalf of the USSR. Since its inception in 1942, ARNAUTOFF has continuously been President of the RAS, which has office space, a meeting hall, and a library at 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, California.

SF T-1 advised that the subject attended meetings of RAS and acted as Chairman at the eleventh anniversary banquet of the RAS which was held on June 28, 1952 at 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, California. The main speaker of the evening was Professor HOLLAND ROBERTS, President of the California Labor School and the American Russian Institute, who expressed his wish that peace will be maintained by pressure of common progressive peoples although reaction is ready and willing to start another war.

In addition to the above, the subject attended meetings of the RAS on July 25, 1952, and on August 8, 1952, on which date a regular and Executive Board meeting was held. On August 8, 1952 the RAS discussed the celebration of the anniversary of the October Revolution and a financial report. Subject also attended RAS meetings on September 5, 1952 and September 12, 1952.

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The subject, on September 5, 1952, announced that a banquet was to be held on November 8, 1952 in honor of the anniversary of the Soviet Revolution and at the September 12, 1952 meeting it was agreed to devote one entire meeting each month to political discussions. The current Five Year Plan in the Soviet Union was to be discussed by the subject at the October 3, 1952 meeting.

San Francisco T-3, of known reliability, advised that the subject attended the August 22, 1952 RAS meeting at 321 Divisadero Street and acted as Chairman, wherein he read a letter which had been sent in the name of the RAS to U.S. authorities complaining that the "Smith Act" was Fascist and stated that the RAS had adopted a motion condemning this Act.

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San Francisco T-4, of known reliability, on August 7, 1952 advised that the subject and HOLLAND ROBERTS, President of the California Labor School and the American Russian Institute, had an appointment to meet at 11:30 a.m. on August 7, 1952, due to the fact that ROBERTS was leaving San Francisco on a trip and that ROBERTS considered a meeting important to both individuals. SF T-4 was unable to furnish any additional information regarding this matter; however, on August 26, 1952, advised that HOLLAND ROBERTS was visiting in the Eastern part of the United States and would return to San Francisco about September 1, 1952. The California Labor School and the American Russian Institute have both been cited by the U.S. Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

San Francisco T-5, of known reliability, advised that the subjectwas contacted by an unknown individual or organization during the period May 29, 1952 and July 25, 1952 from 727 West 7th Street, Los Angeles, California.

The Los Angeles Office, by letter dated September 25, 1952, advised that 727 West 7th Street is the Roosevelt Building which consists of twelve stories and is an office building containing more than seven-hundred tenants.

SF T-5 advised that one S. POKHLEBIN, 30 Clement Street, San Francisco, contacted the ARNAUTOFFs during the period of May 29, 1952 and July 25, 1952.

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MRS. SVIATOSLAV POKHLEBIN

SVIATOSLAV POKHLEBIN, 30 Clement Street, San Francisco, and his wife, NINA POKHLEBIN were interviewed by the writer on October 3, 1952 regarding their relationship with subject. Mr. POKHLEBIN advised that he arrived in the United States from Shanghai, China on December 17, 1947, having lived in Shanghai, China from 1936 to November 1947, and that prior to that time he resided in Harbin, China from 1934 to 1936 and in Czechoslovakia from 1922 to 1934. He stated that he was born in Russia and that he married his present wife, NINA, in 1930 in Prague, Czechoslovakia, and that he is a mechanical engineer, having graduated in Brno, Czechoslovakia, and is presently employed as a janitor at American Association of Underwriters, 206 Sansome Street, San Francisco, California.

POKHLEBIN advised that he was not acquainted with VICTOR ARNAUTOFF or his wife and had never met this individual on any occasion, and could not recall having heard the name. Due to the fact that he was unable to place VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, POKHLEBIN requested that his wife, NINA, join in the discussion in an attempt to identify a connection with the ARNAUTOFFs.

Mrs. NINA POKHLEBIN, nee NINA VIACHESLAVOVNA NOVIKOVA advised that her father, VIACHESLAV NOVIKOV or NOVIKOFF, had visited them at 30 Clement Street during June and July 1952 from New York City, New York. She advised that she had not seen her father since her marriage in 1930 and that her father, during his stay in San Francisco, received a letter from his brother, VSEVOLOD NOVIKOV, in England. She advised that her uncle, VSEVOLOD NOVIKOV had been a Professor of Surgery in Belgrade and that while traveling in Paris, France he met a woman named ANNA, last name unknown, whom he later married. In the above mentioned letter VIACHESLAV NOVIKOV was requested to determine the address of the subject's wife. Mrs. POKHLEBIN advised that she obtained the address of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF from the San Francisco Telephone Directory and telephoned Mrs. ARNAUTOFF, advising her of the request of ANNA and VSEVOLOD NOVIKOV in England, and stated that later wrote a letter to the ARNAUTOFFs who reside in Colma, California.

MRS. VSEVOLOD NOVIKOV

Mrs. POKHLEBIN advised that ANNA NOVIKOV and Mrs. ARNAUTOFF were good friends when both were children and recalls that ANNA's father had been a Consul of an unidentified government; however, she was not positive of this statement although she believes that her father, in conversation during his visit, probably mentioned it to her. Mrs. POKHLEBIN advised that she has had no further contact with the ARNAUTOFFs other than the above mentioned telephone call and the letter directed to them. Both Mr. and Mrs. POKHLEBIN advised that the name NOVIKOV is very common among Russians and stated that they are not acquainted with any individuals of the same name associated with the USSR Embassy in Washington, D.C. or in any other official Russian capacity.

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San Francisco T-6, of known reliability, advised that VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF, 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, earned a total of $4,439.99 for the year 1949, $3,850.08 of which was received from Stanford University. The balance is outside income. SF T-6 also advised that the subject earned $3,850.08 from Stanford University during the year 1950; however, lost $119.48 from outside art business.

MRS. VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

San Francisco T-7, who is and has been intimately acquainted with VICTOR and LYDIA ARNAUTOFF and their family for a period of years, on October 3, 1952 advised that MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, the oldest son of the subject, went on a gold hunting exhibition in February 1949 to the Cocos Islands off the coast of Costa Rica. Upon his return, SF T-7 learned that MICHAEL had sailed on a ship named the "Bolivia" which was equipped with a Halicrafter transmitting radio set and that while in the Cocos Islands off the coast of Costa Rica, MICHAEL had been allowed the use of this transmitter due to his interest in radio. As a result of transmissions sent by MICHAEL from the ship, "ham operators" receiving those messages acknowledged them through the usual medium of "QSL" cards which they sent to 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF and MICHAEL's wife.

SF T-7 also advised that MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF had stored an incomplete and inoperative radio transmitter in his home at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, several years ago for a short period of time, which set was owned by a neighbor. SF T-7 stated that he had seen this set at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, but that the set has been returned to the owner and had not been operated at any time while stored at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California.

SF T-7 advised that he was aware of the fact that the subject and his wife were both born in Russia and that they came to the United States from Harbin, China. He recalled that the subject had studied art under DIEGO RIVERA in Mexico and that the subject had been on relief for a period of time during the depression in the 1930's. SF T-7 characterized the subject as being the "master" of his household, stating that there was no question in his mind that the subject was the dominating influence of the family. SF T-7 stated that the subject and his wife had visited the USSR Consulate in San Francisco during the Consulate's existence and heard that Mr. and Mrs. ARNAUTOFF were members of the Communist Party, but that he, SF T-7, did not know if this was true.

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San Francisco T-8, of known reliability, on May 27, 1952, advised that a toll call was placed from PLaza 5-0472, servicing being in the name of VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF, 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, to Palo Alto, DA 2-4267. SF T-8 on September 2, 1952, advised that telephone number, Palo Alto, DA 2-4267 is in the name of ALBERT CERNEY, 2465 Alpine Road, Menlo Park, California.

The San Francisco indices contain no information concerning ALBERT CERNEY; however, a "Palo Alto Times" newspaper article dated September 26, 1952 reflects that ALBERT CERNEY is the father of EDWIN CERNEY. It is pointed out that EDWIN CERNEY and his wife ISOBEL FORBES MILTON reside at 2465 Alpine Road, Menlo Park, California. CERNEY

MR & MRS. EDWIN CERNEY

The "Palo Alto Times", Palo Alto, California, of September 26, 1952, page one, carries an article reflecting that EDWIN H. CERNEY and ISOBEL MILTON CERNEY, 2465 Alpine Road may both lose their passports and face prosecution because they reportedly attended a Peace Conference in Communist China. Announcement of their arrival in Peiping for the opening of the Asian and Pacific Peace Conference was made over the Peiping radio. According to the State Department the Americans received their passports to travel in Europe and Africa, none having listed plans to visit China. The State Department added that no passports for that country were issued. The article reflects that ALBERT CERNEY, the father of EDWIN CERNEY, stated that his son and daughter-in-law are traveling "in the East somewhere", but that he did not know when they would return. The article reflects that both CERNEY and his wife were faculty members of the California Labor School in San Francisco until about four years ago, and that Mrs. CERNEY conducted a writers seminar and that her husband taught there briefly as an art instructor.

The California Labor School has been previously identified in this report.

The following investigation was conducted at Palo Alto and Stanford, California by SA WAYNE K. WELCH:

Mr. RAY NELSON FAULKNER, Associate Dean of Humanities and Sciences, and Professor of Art, Stanford University, 765 Frenchmans Road, was interviewed on August 27, 1952.

Mr. FAULKNER advised that he has been the head of the Art Department, Stanford University, for the past six years and that he has been a professional and social acquaintance of the subject during that period. He stated that their social contacts have been limited to six or eight social affairs at which the majority of the academic personnel of the Art Department were present. He stated that ARNAUTOFF is a professionally competent person whose specialty is in the field of still life and landscape painting.

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He observed that inasmuch as ARNAUTOFF lives near San Francisco he has handled his work at Stanford and subsequently returned to San Francisco, and in that manner his association with the other members of the Art Department has been of a more limited nature than had he resided near the University. Mr. FAULKNER said that he would be unable to identify any close associates of ARNAUTOFF on the campus, although he expressed the belief that DANIEL MARCUS MENDELOWITZ, Professor of Art and Education, and EDWARD MC NEIL FARMER, Professor of Art, had known ARNAUTOFF for many years. FAULKNER vaguely recalled that FARMER and MENDELOWITZ had originally assisted ARNAUTOFF, or in some manner recommended him, and thereby enabled the subject to originally obtain his appointment at Stanford.

Mr. FAULKNER advised that he had no knowledge of organizational affiliations of the subject and that he knew nothing indicating Communist or Soviet sympathies by ARNAUTOFF. He explained that he had never discussed politics with ARNAUTOFF and that Communism had never been a subject of discussion at any social affair which they mutually had attended.

Mr. MATTHEW S. KAHN, Instructor in Art, Sanford University, who resides at 2985 Alpine Road, Menlo Park, California, was interviewed on August 27, 1952. Mr. KAHN advised that he has been professionally acquainted with the subject during his three years of employment as an instructor at Stanford University. He advised that ARNAUTOFF and his wife visited at his home on one occasion and that he visited the ARNAUTOFFs on one occasion. He advised that in view of the difference in their ages that ARNAUTOFF and he have little in common socially. He also advised that their academic association is of a limited nature inasmuch as ARNAUTOFF handles graphic art and drawing, wherein KAHN handles design courses. KAHN advised that ARNAUTOFF speaks with some accent and that he does not appear to do much around the Department other than handle orthodox teaching courses. To his knowledge, ARNAUTOFF has done no counseling of students and has rarely handled graduate students. He observed that ARNAUTOFF is not well known as an artist and that he will probably never be well known inasmuch as his work is of an academic nature, consisting of scenic and mural art which is not currently popular. He also advised that ARNAUTOFF has done some portrait work and apparently supplements his income in that manner. Mr. KAHN stated that he has never discussed affairs of a political nature with the subject and has observed nothing which would indicate that ARNAUTOFF is in any manner sympathetic to the Communist Party or the Soviet Union. He knew of no organizational affiliations of ARNAUTOFF.

Mr. KAHN advised that Dr. MENDELOWITZ and Dr. FARMER have been well acquainted with ARNAUTOFF for a number of years during their mutual employment at Stanford University and stated that ARNAUTOFF and MENDELOWITZ share an office on the campus. Mr. KAHN was unable to furnish any additional information.

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Mrs. LUCILLE USPENSKY, 2111 Hanover Street, Palo Alto, was interviewed on September 4, 1952. LUCILLE USPENSKY advised that she first met the subject in late 1951 when she posed for the Art Department at Stanford University during a two week period. In the Winter Quarter of 1952 she was issued a courtesy card entitling her to attend classes, and advised that she thereafter on occasions audited some courses in the Art Department. She observed that her contact with the subject had been of a very casual nature and that she could provide no information regarding the activity of the subject or any organizational affiliations of ARNAUTOFF. She advised that inasmuch as the subject does not reside on or near the campus he does not appear to have any friends among the students or faculty members. She noted that the Art Professors assume charge of the Art Department during the Summer Quarter on a rotation basis and that the subject was in charge of the department during the summer of 1952. Mrs. USPENSKY stated that San Francisco T-9 had informed her that the subject is either a Communist or a Communist sympathizer but that she had no personal knowledge of this fact.

San Francisco T-9, who has been contacted in the past and is believed to be reliable, was interviewed on September 17, 1952 in company with SF T-9's wife. SF T-9 advised that he originally became acquainted with the subject in San Francisco in approximately 1924, shortly after ARNAUTOFF arrived in this country. He reported that ARNAUTOFF's wife and children subsequently came to this country and that ARNAUTOFF was originally a student at the Academy of Fine Arts in San Francisco. He advised that the subject was defintely not a Communist and in sympathy with the Soviet Regime at the time that he first met the subject. SF T-9 stated that the subject traveled to Mexico where he studied under DIEGO RIVERA, the famous Mexican muralist, and after ARNAUTOFF's return to the United States ARNAUTOFF was a "changed man" who thereafter was outspokenly in favor of Communism and the Soviet Government. SF T-9 and his wife both stated that in view of the subject's sympathies towards Russia they thereafter terminated their contacts with him and their knowledge of his activity has therefore been limited to general common knowledge. They therefore stated that they would be unable to provide any information concerning his current associates, activity, or loyalty.

Mr. PETER C. ALLEN, Director of Information, Stanford University, was interviewed regarding the subject. Mr. ALLEN advised that he was not acquainted with the subject and could provide no pertinent information regarding him.

Professor EDWARD MC NEIL FARMER, 512 Gerona Street, Stanford, California, a Professor of Art at Stanford University, was interviewed on October 8, 1952. Mr. FARMER advised that he and his wife have been acquainted with VICTOR and LYDIA ARNAUTOFF for approximately fifteen years and their association has been fairly close during the past ten years. He stated that upon the basis of ARNAUTOFF's ability as an artist he had originally recommended ARNAUTOFF's employment at Stanford University.

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Mr. FARMER advised that nothing had come to his attention during the years he has had association with the ARNAUTOFFs which would indicate that ARNAUTOFF was participating in any disloyal activities. He advised that ARNAUTOFF has an ideolistic attachment to the Soviet Union as that is the place of his birth and that he has appeared to be in sympathy with the aims of the Soviet Government although he is apparently not in complete sympathy with the methods of that Government. Mr. FARMER was unable to recall any comment on the part of the subject indicating lack of sympathy with the Soviet methods; however, he advised that the ARNAUTOFFs are "Liberals" and that they are bitterly opposed to the recent Loyalty Oath concerning academic personnel at the University of California. He stated that they advocate racial equality, the rights of labor unions, and peaceful co-existence with the Soviet Union. He could not recall that the ARNAUTOFFs had ever made any comment which would indicate their attitude concerning the conviction of the eleven Communist leaders in the United States or their attitude regarding the Korean War.

Mr. and Mrs. FARMER each advised that the ARNAUTOFFs appeared to believe strongly in true Democracy and that they felt the ARNAUTOFFs to be "very honest, simple, and real people" who in no manner would constitute a threat to the country's security. Mr. FARMER expressed the belief that ARNAUTOFF's father had at one time been connected with the Church in Russia and that in order to avoid creating trouble for his father, ARNAUTOFF had intentionally avoided making any anti-Communist or anti-Soviet comments. Mr. FARMER stated that he did not believe that ARNAUTOFF completely approves of the Soviet Government and stated that ARNAUTOFF has never indicated that he would be in favor of a Communist Government in the United States. He advised that ARNAUTOFF strongly believes in class equality and that by nature he is an individual who would actively participate in organizations which apparently attempt to increase class equality, such as the California Labor School. In this regard FARMER expressed the belief that ARNAUTOFF and his wife were affiliated in some manner with the California Labor School and the American Russian Institute during World War II, and that he is not aware of any current organizational affiliations of the ARNAUTOFFs. He expressed the belief that ARNAUTOFF's extremely liberal attitude might easily result in accusations of Communist or Soviet sympathies on his part being made by very conservative or reactionary individuals, but that he personally felt that such accusations would be unfounded.

Mr. FARMER stated that ARNAUTOFF's only comment which he could recall indicating that he was in sympathy with the Soviet Union was a remark by ARNAUTOFF approximately ten years ago, when ARNAUTOFF indicated that the Soviet Union then had a two party system wherein persons opposed to the Communist Regime could vote against the Government.

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Mr. FARMER advised that RUSSELL VAN ARSDALE LEE, 440 Gerona Street, Stanford, a clinical Professor of Medicine at Stanford University, is a close friend of the ARNAUTOFFs. He also advised that DANIEL MARCUS MENDELOWITZ, Professor of Art and Education, Stanford University and himself, are ARNAUTOFF's only close friends, to his knowledge, among the academic personnel of the University. He advised that he was not acquainted with the subject's friends or associates off the campus.

Mr. and Mrs. FARMER advised that although they were aware that the ARNAUTOFFs were in contact with the Soviet Consulate at San Francisco during World War II, they could furnish no information concerning the extent or nature of that association. They advised that nothing has come to their attention which would indicate that the ARNAUTOFFs had been in contact with any Soviet Diplomatic personnel subsequent to the closing of the San Francisco Consulate.

Mr. and Mrs. FARMER indicated that they felt confident that in the event the ARNAUTOFFs are or had been in sympathy with the Communist Party or the Soviet Union to the extent that they would be considered disloyal, the fact would have come to their attention during their many years of acquaintance with the ARNAUTOFFs.

Mr. FARMER advised that the subject is currently on a vacation and that he will return to the University in the Winter Quarter of 1952-1953. He also stated that ARNAUTOFF generally paints during his vacation and that he occasionally leaves San Francisco during that period, although Mr. FARMER was unable to provide the subject's exact whereabouts. Mr. and Mrs. FARMER were unable to furnish any additional information.

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SF T-1 - [redacted]	Russian Branch CP meeting 7/30/52	8/4/52	D. F. MULLANE	100-11889N-850A(11)
	Russian Branch CP meeting 8/12/52	9/2/52	D. F. MULLANE	100-11889N-850A(17)
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	Re CP control of RAS 3/10/52	3/10/52	T. H. SULLIVAN	100-5896-720
	RAS Banquet 6/28/52	7/25/52	D. F. MULLANE	100-11889N-850A(4)
	RAS Meeting 8/8/52	9/2/52	D. F. MULLANE	100-11889N-850A(15)
	RAS Executive Meeting 8/8/52	9/2/52	D. F. MULLANE	100-11889N-850A(16)
	RAS Meeting 9/5/52	9/30/52	D. F. MULLANE	[redacted] (1)
	RAS Meeting 9/12/52	9/30/52	D. F. MULLANE	[redacted] (2)
SF T-2 - [redacted]	1952 Mailing List of CRC	6/12/52	D. H. SLOAT and W. D. WHITNEY	100-6359-829
SF T-3 - [redacted]	RAS Meeting 8/22/52	9/8/52	H. D. GRUSH	100-6359-853
SF T-4 - [redacted]	8/7/52			

SF T-5 -
Sixty-day mail cover on 1007 Washington St., Colma, Calif., 5/29/52 to 7/25/52.

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SF T-6 - 1949 and 1950 U.S. Income Tax Returns as furnished with Bureau letter dated 9/8/52.				
SF T-7 - MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, son of the subject, who was interviewed by SA J. A. KELLEHER at Manhattan Beach, Calif., 10/3/52, Bureau authority being received. A T Symbol was used to protect MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF's identity.				
SF T-8 - [redacted], who furnished and identified a toll call 11/14/52.				
SF T-9 - [redacted] Palo Alto, Calif., who requested that their identities be protected.				

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THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

Will continue to report subject's activities as received from confidential informants and sources of information.

REFERENCE: Report of SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER, dated September 12, 1952 at San Francisco.
Bulet to San Francisco dated October 24, 1952.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675) DATE: 10/31/52

FROM SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-6359)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, Was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Rebulet dated October 24, 1952, re above subject.

This is to advise that interviews with MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, LUCILLE USPENSKY, RAY N. FAULKNER, MATTHEW S. KAHN, and PETER C. ALLEN, have been conducted and are being reported in a report of SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER, dated October 31, 1952.

It is pointed out, however, that Item No. 1 in referenced letter regarding classified projects being conducted at Stanford University, will be set forth in a letter and will not be incorporated in report form.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

1710 Rhode Island Avenue, occupied by AMVETS since early 1952.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.:

San Francisco T-1, of known reliability, advised that an unidentified individual at 1710 Rhode Island Avenue, Washington 6, D. C., had corresponded with the subject during the period between May 29, 1952 and July 25, 1952.

A physical examination of the premises at 1710 Rhode Island Avenue revealed that that building was occupied by the AMVETS.

Mr. ROBERT SILVERS, Membership Secretary, American Veterans Committee, 1751 New Hampshire Avenue, N. W., advised that the AMVETS have occupied the entire building located at 1710 Rhode Island Avenue, since early 1952. Mr. SILVERS reported that the AMVETS have a large staff that occupies that entire building.

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INFORMANT

T - 1: A mail cover on the residence of the subject from May 29, 1952, to July 25, 1952.

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VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Reurlet 10-24-52 requesting authorization to interview Benjamin George Vaganov.

In view of the subversive background of Vaganov as well as the fact that a review of his file fails to reflect that he logically would be expected to be cognizant of the subjects activities, it is desired that no interview of Vaganov take place at this time.

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Reurlet 10-24-52 in which you set out the results of the interview conducted with Michael Arnautoff, the son of the subject.

For your information the Bureau does not feel that it would be advisable to attempt to develop Michael Arnautoff as an informant concerning his parents. Such action might well be misunderstood by both the son and others if it became known.

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Referenced letter sets out Michael Arnautoff will maintain contact with your office through correspondence with the interviewing agent, SA John A. Kelleher. It is suggested that should you receive any correspondence from Michael Arnautoff, you submit it to the Bureau along with the contemplated reply of SA Kelleher. No replies to any letters received from Michael Arnautoff should be made until clearance is received by you from the Bureau.

For your information the Bureau is considering the advisability of granting authority for you to interview Benjamin George Vaganov. You will be advised as to whether or not such authorization is granted.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675) DATE: October 24, 1952

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-6359)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.
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Re San Francisco letter dated 7/25/52, and Bulet dated 8/11/52.

Authority was granted SA JOHN A. KELLEHER of San Francisco to interview MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, the son of the subject. MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF resides at 603 Redondo Avenue, Manhattan Beach, California.

MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF was interviewed at Manhattan Beach, California, on October 3, 1952, by SA JOHN A. KELLEHER, at which time he displayed a cooperative attitude. MICHAEL believes that he has in the past suffered as a result of his family's activities, pointing out that on two different occasions he applied for positions as a radio technician in two different defense industries but was not hired by either, although he successfully passed their examinations. He attributed this to the fact that the local companies learned of his family connections and did not consider him a good security risk.

MICHAEL advised that in February, 1949, he went on a gold hunting expedition in the Cocos Islands off the coast of Costa Rica and sold his home located at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, to his parents. He advised that he sailed on a ship named The Bolivia, which was under Costa Rican registry, and that it was equipped with a one hundred twenty-five Watt Halicrafter transmitting radio set. While in the Cocos Islands he (MICHAEL) transmitted on the ship's radio to ham operators, and since he had no mailing address in the islands or in Costa Rica, he furnished his mailing address as 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, which was his parents' and wife's address. As a result, "QSL" cards were mailed to that address regarding the receipt of his radio messages.

MICHAEL advised that an incomplete radio transmitter belonging to CHARLES LE BLANC, a neighbor, had been stored in his residence at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, for a short time. However, this transmitter was not in operating condition when stored. This was due to the fact that the set was not complete.

MICHAEL related that on his return from the Cocos Islands expedition, which, incidentally, failed, he and his wife moved from Colma to Los Angeles, California, where he attended a television

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school under the GI Bill. After unsuccessfully doing business for himself, he was employed by Purdon Television Company, his present employer, where he has a good job.

MICHAEL advised that his mother and father were both born in Russia, and that his father was in the Czar's army, and believed that he was a major under the revolution when they surrendered to the Revolutionists. Following the revolution, his father was pressed into service by the Revolutionists, but at one point of the revolt, when it appeared as though the Czar was going to recoupe his losses, his father returned to the Czarist army. He stated that his father left Moscow and went to Harbin, China, where he, MICHAEL, was born.

MICHAEL advised that his family came to California from Harbin, China, and to the best of his recollection, he and his mother made a return trip to China, but that he could not recall if his father accompanied them on this trip. Subsequently, his father went to Mexico, where he studied art under DIEGO RIVERA, after which his father returned to California. MICHAEL stated that his father was extremely hard hit during the depression, and that they were on relief. He added that it was his belief that due to the depression and the fact that they were on relief, plus his father's association with DIEGO RIVERA, this finally caused his father to lean strongly to Communism. MICHAEL recalled that for the majority of his life he was under the influence of Communism through his father, but that as he grew older he realized that it was not an ideology that he believed in or wanted to follow. He, therefore, made it clear to both of his parents and advised them that he did not wish them to discuss it in his presence. As a result of his position, he never again was a confident of either his mother or his father. MICHAEL characterized his father as "master" of the house and pointed out that there was no question in his mind that his father is the dominating influence of the family, and that his mother, who loves his father " a great deal," would follow him mentally and physically, and that her actions and speech are those of his father. He stated that he feels that his father is lonely and would like nothing better than to return to Russia, but that it appears that he has nothing to offer other than his ability as an artist and stated that the Russian Government would probably not take him back.

As a matter of fact, MICHAEL stated that he does not know too much about his parents' activities, as they are aware of his objections to Communism. He advised that he had heard that his parents were members of the Communist Party but stated that he did not know if this was a fact. He recalled attending two parties at the Russian Consulate in San Francisco some years ago but stated that he was unaware that his family were very close to members of the consulate or to Russian officials.

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MICHAEL advised that his wife LILLIAN is very close to his mother, and that she will confide in his wife but will not confide in him. He stated that at one time his brother BASIL leaned toward Communism, probably due to their father's influence. Following his graduation from university, BASIL had two opportunities for a position as a teacher. However, he believed that the position offered in Redwood City, California, appeared to be better than one offered in Berkeley and, therefore, applied for the Redwood City, California, position. Apparently due to BASIL's political ideologies, he was not hired. MICHAEL stated that for a while thereafter BASIL was extremely bitter and tended more and more to accept Communism. However, he has obtained a teaching position in Eureka, California, and that the past year and a half has made a great change in him. MICHAEL stated that BASIL visited him in Manhattan Beach about one year ago, advising him that he found that he was wrong in his beliefs, and that he has "seen the light." MICHAEL is confident in his own mind that BASIL has straightened out and is completely loyal to the United States.

MICHAEL further advised that his younger brother JAKE (JACOB) is in the U. S. Army and is a member of the Communications Corps as a paratrooper. JACOB was recently demoted from corporal to private first class, and his letters to MICHAEL have been very disturbing, as he seems to be reacting against the demotion by intimating that "maybe there is something to Communism" that he has not seen before. MICHAEL stated that he is very concerned over this matter and could only hope that JAKE would be sent to Korea before being convinced that he was going to follow the Communist doctrines.

In view of MICHAEL's attitude, the following proposals and questions were discussed:

1. If VICTOR ARNAUTOFF were offered a substantial sum of money, would he defect and furnish information to the FBI?

MICHAEL stated that his father is an extremely stubborn man filled with a false pride, and due to these factors and the fact that he believes that he is right, he would definitely turn down such an offer.

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MICHAEL intimated that his mother might be the weakest link, and if she could be convinced that by her defection it would be the best for VICTOR, she might possibly do so. He pointed out, however, that the feeling his mother had for his father was extremely strong, and that the possibility of her defecting was remote. Due to the fact that she is growing older, she might possibly be changing her opinions. MICHAEL stated that his wife LILLIAN ~~is~~ a Catholic, and that several months ago he and his wife joined a church, the denomination not being mentioned. On a visit to San Francisco several months ago LILLIAN told LYDIA ARNAUTOFF that she and her son had joined a church, to which LYDIA stated, "That may be the best thing." MICHAEL stated that his mother did not amplify this statement, and that he could not interpret the meaning; however, he pointed out that this was definitely a departure from any previous attitude expressed by either his father or mother where religion was concerned.

MRS. VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

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MICHAEL advised that he has one son, and that he has reconciled himself to the fact that he can never pursue his radio and television work in a defense industry so long as his parents continue in their activities. He expressed himself as being very fond of both of his brothers, and that all of his brothers were on good terms with each other.

[redacted]

Information relative to BASIL and JACOB ARNAUTOFF is set forth for the purpose of showing MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF's feeling concerning Communism, as it indicates that he is by no means in sympathy with his parents' activities and would like to see them give up their activities.

[redacted]

[redacted] of known reliability, who is an active member of the Russian American Society, San Francisco, and a member of "The Russian Branch Club," aka "The Eleven Club of the Communist Party," which club has a total membership of five, which includes the subject and his wife, was contacted on October 15, 1952, to determine if his [redacted] views coincide with those of MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF's regarding the subject.

[redacted] differed with MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF's views, stating that it was his opinion that the subject would possibly defect and furnish information to the FBI if the subject was offered a "very good paying job." He pointed out that this position would have to be one of prominence or connected with art, wherein the subject would be in the limelight and recognized in the Russian community of San Francisco. He recognized the fact that LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, subject's wife, would be a very serious obstacle to overcome in developing the subject.

[redacted] advised that BENJAMIN GEORGE VAGANOV was the only individual with whom he was acquainted that was Russian born and interested in art, other than the subject, who had the necessary background to be of assistance to the FBI regarding the investigation of the subject. He advised that VAGANOV had the reputation of being a Communist and a radical who had attended meetings of the Russian American Society in San Francisco during the past war and had personal contacts with the USSR consular officials of San Francisco during the existence of the USSR Consulate at San Francisco.

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He was also reportedly offered a job by Consul General ANDRAI VASSILIEV, which was not accepted, as VAGANOV was an American citizen. Informant stated that to his knowledge VAGANOV has never been a member of the Communist Party but pointed out that he has not seen him since approximately 1945, when VAGANOV left San Francisco for Southern California, but recently heard that VAGANOV has returned and is a resident of San Francisco. Informant recalled that VAGANOV, during the last war, told him that he (VAGANOV) was going to drop out of the RAS due to the Communist influence in the organization. Informant described VAGANOV as being one who talks a great deal and complains considerably, but to his knowledge is loyal to the United States.

[redacted] advised that the RAS is very skeptical about individuals seeking membership in the organization at the present time, and that none will be accepted unless the person is well known to the present membership. He is of the opinion that VAGANOV would be acceptable to the membership in the RAS if he attempted to become a member and does not recall anything in the past which would prohibit VAGANOV to be accepted for membership.

San Francisco file 100-19788, regarding BENJAMIN GEORGE VAGANOV, was.; Bufile 100-250780, and San Diego file 100-2474, reflects the following information:

VAGANOV has written articles for the Russian newspaper "Novaya Zarya" and letters to the "People's World" newspaper, both of which are in San Francisco, California, the letters to the PW being published in the paper; was active in the American Veterans Committee and a member of the Progressive Citizens of America, both organizations in San Diego, California; attended Communist Party-sponsored California Legislative Conference in Los Angeles, California, on August 23 and 24, 1947; sponsored IPP candidate for Congress in San Diego, California, in November, 1948, and signed a petition on September 8, 1948, to the San Diego City Council, protesting California Un-American Activities Committee hearings; allegedly talked in favor of Communist Party and stated that they would do much good when they came into power in San Diego, California; painted several pictures depicting advantages of Communism and of Capitalism, and voiced admiration for Russia; reported to Naval Intelligence in 1936 as being a member of the Communist Party.

BENJAMIN GEORGE VAGANOV, was.; Internal Security - C, is a Security Index Card subject of the San Francisco Office. He is described as follows:

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Born	October 8, 1896, Archangel, Russia
Arrived in U. S.	San Francisco, Calif., January 15, 1923,
U. S. citizenship	Acquired citizenship June 8, 1931, Sacramento, Calif.
Race	White
Height	5' 5"
Weight	125 lbs.
Complexion	Medium
Build	Slight
Hair	Brown and thim
Eyes	Blue
Marital Status	Divorced, not definitely known if remarried
Children	BONNIE ALICE ~~VAGANOV~~, daughter, resident of Oceanside, Calif., in 1943 BENJAMIN ~~BORIS,~~ son, resident of Oceanside, Calif., 1943; present address 159 Webster St., San Francisco, Calif.
Employment	Unemployed; is an artist and formerly has been employed as an electrician, miner, janitor, dishwasher
Education	High School--Archangel, Russia, 1916-1917; Mining University of Katherine the Great, St. Petersgrod, Russia, three years; trade school at Electro Machine School, Harbin, China; military academy, Petrograth, Russia, 1920-1921
Military Service	Russian Army (captain), 1916 to 1920
Criminal Record	San Diego Police Department and Sheriff's Office, San Francisco Police Department, Sacramento Police Department negative
FBI Identification Record Number	4418782, received at San Francisco on July 13, 1951, negative.

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The identification record reflects that VAGANOV was fingerprinted by the Twelfth Naval District, San Francisco, California, for an identification card, Naval Intelligence, Washington, D. C., as an employee, SOS Army, as an electrician and trainee in 1945, 1940, 1942, and 1943, respectively.

It is requested that the Bureau consider the advisability of granting authority to interview BENJAMIN GEORGE VAGANOV.

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cc - Mr. Belmont

Assistant Attorney General
Charles B. Murray

November 7, 1952

Director, FBI

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Reports in instant case have previously been furnished to the Records Administration Branch and to the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

It is noted that the subject was born November 11, 1896, in Marinpol, Russia; entered the United States at Nogales, Arizona, on May 23, 1931; and received his U. S. citizenship in the United States District Court, San Francisco, California, on August 2, 1939.

The foregoing is being brought to your attention inasmuch as the subject is a naturalized citizen.

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cc - 1 - The Commissioner
Immigration and Naturalization Service

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/20/52

FROM SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-6359)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.
IS - R

Re Bureau letter to San Francisco dated October 24, 1952 and report of SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER dated July 14, 1952 at San Francisco in which a lead was set out to determine if any classified projects were being conducted at Stanford University, Stanford, California.

Lieutenant HARRY M. SMITH, Security Officer, Office of Naval Research, 100 Geary Street, San Francisco, advised that the following classified contracts under ONR Supervision are being conducted at Stanford University:

Contract No. N6onr-25132 Classified Confidential
Electronics Research Laboratory
Contract No. Nonr-225(05) Classified Confidential
Microwave Laboratory
Contract No. Nonr-225(07) Classified Confidential
Electronics Research Laboratory
Contract No. Nonr-225(10) Classified Confidential
Electronics Research Laboratory
Contract No. Nonr-225(12) Classified Confidential
Microwave Laboratory

It is pointed out that the Office of Naval Research has no secret or top secret contracts under their supervision which are being conducted at Stanford University at the present time. Lt. SMITH also made available a list of active contracts and task orders which are being performed at Stanford University under their supervision, but are not being set out in this letter due to the fact that they are not classified contracts or orders.

The above information is not being set out in report form for security reasons. To date, there is no indication that the subject has access to any of the above mentioned contracts, it being pointed out that he is employed in the Art Department at Stanford University.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: ~~SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL~~

ARNAUTOFF resides 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California. On leave from Stanford University. Contacted by YURI V. NOVIKOV and NIKOLAI P. SAVCHENKO, Second Secretaries of USSR Embassy, Washington, D.C. Attended "Russian Branch Club CP" aka "The Eleven Branch" and RAS meetings.

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DETAILS:

The December, 1952 San Francisco reverse telephone directory reflects that VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF resides at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California.

San Francisco T-1, of known reliability, on November 6, 1952 advised that the subject was on leave from Stanford University, Palo Alto, California and was utilizing his time at home painting a portrait of Professor FAULKNER, also of Stanford University.

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According to San Francisco T-2, of known reliability, HOLLAND ROBERTS contacted the subject advising that YURI NOVIKOV desired to see him on October 27, 1952 and later reported that NOVIKOV had contacted the subject agreeing to meet at the St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco at 1:30 PM that day.

San Francisco T-3, of known reliability, advised that the subject met YURI V. NOVIKOV and NIKOLAI P. SAVCHENKO on October 27, 1952 and that the subject drove NOVIKOV and SAVCHENKO in his Nash Club Coupe, license #7B44053 in and around San Francisco, Berkeley and Oakland, California. On their return to San Francisco from Oakland, NOVIKOV, SAVCHENKO and the subject visited 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, in which the California Labor School and the Russian American Society offices are located. They later dined together at the Balalaika Restaurant, 960 Bush Street, San Francisco, where they remained until approximately 8 PM.

The California Labor School has been cited by the Attorney General as being within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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San Francisco T-3 advised that HOLLAND ROBERTS, YURI NOVIKOV and ROSE ISAAK met at ROBERTS' home in Palo Alto with LYDIA and VICTOR ARNAUTOFF on the afternoon of November 1, 1952.

The letterheads of the American Russian Institute, San Francisco, reflect HOLLAND ROBERTS as President and ROSE ISAAK as Secretary.

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RUSSIAN AMERICAN SOCIETY
(RAS)

San Francisco T-1 on March 10, 1952 advised that as of that date and for several years previous the RAS was controlled by members of the Communist Party and persons sympathetic to the Communist Party or the Soviet Union and that its activities consist primarily of dissemination of propaganda on behalf of the USSR. Since its inception in 1942, the subject has continuously been President of the RAS which has office space, a meeting hall and a library at 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, California.

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San Francisco T-1 advised that the subject attended meetings of the RAS Executive Board on October 10, 1952 and regular meetings of the RAS on October 3, 1952, October 17, 1952 and October 31, 1952.

The October 3 meeting was devoted to a discussion for plans of the October 16, 17, 18, 1952 rummage sale of the RAS and the RAS monthly leaflet entitled "For Peace." At this meeting the subject announced that the monthly leaflet would be enlarged, the first half to be edited by the SHAPOVALOVS (MARY and MICHAEL) and the second half by himself. It was to be devoted exclusively to Soviet life. The majority of the material to be used in the leaflet was to be obtained from Soviet Embassy press releases.

The October 17, 1952 meeting was devoted to a political discussion. The subject later read a new proposed by-law of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union using as a reference a press release of the Soviet Embassy in Washington which was recently received.

According to T-1, the October 31, 1952 meeting was devoted to a report regarding the Committee to Secure Justice for the ROSENBERGS (JULIUS and ETHEL) and discussions of RAS future events; namely, the November 7 Soviet anniversary banquet, the December 8 pre-Christmas bazaar and the New Year's celebration.

San Francisco T-3 advised that the subject had assisted several other individuals on October 15, 1952 in removing a number of cartons from 321 Divisadero Street which were loaded in an automobile registered to NICHOLAS R. JESSIE KOZY, 2100 Post Street, San Francisco. T-3 advised that he was unable to describe the contents of the packages due to darkness.

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San Francisco T-3 advised that the subject visited 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco during the afternoon of October 28, 1952 and remained until approximately 9 PM that night, during part of which time HOLLAND ROBERTS was also known to have been in the building. T-3 advised that LYDIA ARNAUTOFF also visited 321 Divisadero Street early in the evening of October 28, 1952 and left the building with the subject and later visited individuals who reside in a building at Divisadero and Castro Streets, San Francisco, bearing numbers 201, 203 and 205 Divisadero Street.

Mrs. Victor Michael Arnautoff

The December, 1952 telephone directory reflects that E. ~~VLASTOCHKIN~~ resides at 205 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, California.

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San Francisco T-3 advised that a man whom he knows to drive a Chevrolet sedan bearing license 6B78592 and who lives on 18th Street near Dolores in San Francisco also visited the building located at the corner of Divisadero and Castro Streets on the evening of October 28, 1952.

The California Motor Vehicle Department, Sacramento, California reflects that license 6B78592 is registered to JOHN ORLOFF, 3667 - 18th Street, San Francisco, California.

San Francisco T-1 on November 4, 1952 advised that EFIM LASTOCHKIN and JOHN ORLOFF, MARY and MICHAEL SHAPOVALOV were members of the RAS.

Shapovalov

COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITY

San Francisco T-1 advised that the subject continues to be active in the "Russian Branch Club of the Communist Party" aka "The Eleven Club," having attended meetings on September 15, 1952 and October 10, 1952. The September 15 meeting was devoted to a discussion relating to assembling a small library of books on MARX, ENGELS and STALIN and paper and stencils to be hidden in a home of a sympathizer so that if any member is arrested by the government they would be able to continue their work. The October 10 meeting was devoted to a discussion of a leaflet which was to be issued to the Russian Colony of San Francisco regarding the Presidential elections and the reasons for voting for the Independent Progressive Party.

The Communist Party USA has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

MISCELLANEOUS

San Francisco T-3 advised that the subject remained at his home during the entire day and evening of October 30, 1952 and during the day of October 31, 1952.

San Francisco T-4, of known reliability, on November 20, 1952, advised that to his recollection he could not associate the subject to any extent to the American Russian Institute inasmuch as he, himself, had never been a member of the organization, although he was acquainted with it. However, regarding the Russian American Society he recalled that that organization was considered by the members of the former Soviet Consul in San Francisco as being "in the family." By this, he explained, that the Consular officials apparently considered the members of the RAS as being Russians as distinguished from the ARI, as being a propaganda outlet for the Soviets. In elaborating on this he commented that various Soviet Consular officials have expressed interest in the

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books and literature handled and distributed by the ARI whereas their attendance at meetings of the RAS were more in the nature of social contacts.

T-4 recalled that in his opinion the subject in his association with the RAS had the definite backing of Soviet Consular officials and that he was always treated warmly by them. He believed that the Soviet interest in the subject may be more deep-seated than would appear on the surface. He recalled that the subject had married his present wife LYDIA in Mukhden or Harbin, Manchuria in about 1922 and recalled an article appearing in a newspaper concerning LYDIA ARNAUTOFF's father, whose name he believed to be BLONSKY (ph). This article recounted that BLONSKY had been some sort of Diplomatic or Consular official representing the White Russians in which capacity he was entrusted to certain monies belonging to the White Russians. BLONSKY reportedly turned these funds over to the Reds. Informant stated there was considerable feeling and resentment among the White Russians because of this act on the part of BLONSKY inasmuch as it was felt that these funds should have been used for the White Russians particularly since there were a number of refugees who were badly in need of funds.

T-4 further commented on a possible connection between the subject and the Soviets and recounted the bombing of the train in which CHANG TSO-lin, who was traveling from Peking to Mukhden, was killed. T-4 placed this incident in 1927 or 1928 stating that it was generally rumored at the time that the train had been bombed by the Japanese. He stated that another theory regarding the bombing, that it had actually been done by the Soviets in a desire to create dissention and a rift between the Japanese and Chinese and stated that it was his recollection that within a very short time after the bombing the subject left Mukhden and while he had no proof he was convinced in his own mind that there was some connection between the bombing of the train and the disappearance of the subject. T-4 advanced this as a theory accounting for the close association between the subject and Soviet Consular officials in the United States.

San Francisco T-5, of known reliability, advised that the ARNAUTOFFS were in contact with the following individuals during the period October 28, 1952 and November 5, 1952:

Suite 518, 516 Sutter Street,
San Francisco, California

Offices of FRANCIS FOSTER, MD,
ELIZABETH ARTHURS, MD,
ROBERT E. KEYES, DDS

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ARNAUTOFF, 603 Redondo Avenue, Manhattan Beach, California	Mr & Mrs MICHAEL and LILLIAN ARNAUTOFF, son and daughter-in-law
740 Creek Drive, Menlo Park, California	MICHAEL and MARY SHAPOVALOVS
1303 E Street, Apartment 4, Eureka, California (possibly son)	
RAS, 321 Divisadero Street	Russky Kustar, 1200 Divisadero Street. JEREMIAH FINEGOLD a member of RAS, according to SF T-1
Mrs. S. BLONSKY, 9251 Marshall Street, Rosemead, California	Relative of subject's wife
American Civil Liberties Union, 503 Market Street	
Suite 310, 101 Post Street, San Francisco	ARI
Daily People's World Newspaper, 590 Folsom Street, San Francisco	West Coast Communist Party Newspaper
1042 Lake Street, San Francisco, California	The December, 1952 Street Directory reflects Mrs. BEM STANISLAS resides at this address.
EMIL COLE, 3421 Anza Street, San Francisco	The San Francisco indices contain no record of EMIL COLE
420 Arch Street, Redwood City, California	The 1950 Redwood City Directory reflects Mr & Mrs R.W. STEFFENS and wife JUANITA L. reside at this address. The September, 1952 telephone directory confirms this address for R.W. STEFFENS. Juanita L. Steffens

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Room 600, 935 Market Street, San Francisco	Northern California Peace Council
228 McAllister Street, rooms 211 and 213, San Francisco, California	Civil Rights Congress. (The CRC has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835
Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company, Los Angeles, California	
666 N. Ramona, Hawthorne, California	

San Francisco T-5 also advised that the subject received the Daily Peoples World newspaper and had been contacted by individuals representing Art associations, Museums and Publishing Companies.

San Francisco T-6, of known reliability, in 1950 advised that JUANITA STEFFENS was a member of the Orton Club of the Communist Party of San Mateo County.

The records of the San Mateo Voters Registration Bureau, Redwood City, California, reflect that ROBERT W. STEFFENS, 420 Arch Street, Redwood City, California, registered his affiliation on December 24, 1943 as the "Communist Party."

San Francisco T-7, of known reliability, on January 19, 1950 advised that ROBERT STEFFENS, 420 Arch Street, Redwood City, had been a member of the Communist Party and had gone to Spain where he had been a member of the Loyalist Army.

San Francisco T-8, of known reliability, on November 17, 1943, advised that Mrs. BEM STANISLAS of San Francisco furnished an invitation to Mrs. LOMAKIN, wife of the USSR Consul General at San Francisco to a dinner to be given at her home on December 10, 1943. Informant advised that Mrs. LOMAKIN accepted this invitation.

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Identity of Source	Date of Activity	Date Received	Agent to Whom Furnished	File Number Where Located
SF T-1 [redacted]	10-3-52, RAS meeting	10-8-52	SA D.F. MULLANE	[redacted]
	10-10-52, RAS Executive meeting	10-15-52	"	[redacted]
	10-17-52, RAS meeting	11-4-52	"	[redacted]
	10-31-52, RAS meeting	11-4-52	"	[redacted]
FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	10-31-52, identification of LASTOCHKIN and ORLOFF as RAS members	11-4-52	"	[redacted]
SF T-2 [redacted]	10-27-52	10-27-52		
SF T-3 D.G. ALLEN C. WEYAND J. KERLER E. RAUDSEP R. STEPHENS H. FOX	10-27-52 surveillance	10-27-52		65-4095-115
W. WELCH E. KWASNIEWSKI S. FEWSTER F. POLLNER H.D. GRUSH	10-27-52 surveillance	10-27-52		105-4095-131
J. NYE P.J. HAGGERTY H. BAKER J. DU RANT S. FEWSTER A. OSBORNE	10-28-52	10-28-52		100-3659-872

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S. FEWSTER F. POLLNER	11-1-52 surveillance	11-1-52		100-6359-872A
S. FEWSTER E. KWASNIEWSKI	10-15-52 surveillance	10-15-52		100-6359-870
E. KWASNIEWSKI H. BAKER H. FOX	10-30-52 surveillance	10-30-52		100-6359-869
H. BAKER E. KWASNIEWSKI F. MAYER	10-31-52 surveillance	10-31-52		100-6359-866
SF T-4	1922 and 1949-1950	11-18-52 11-20-52	F.R. ELLEDGE S. FEWSTER	100-6359-884
SF T-5 60 day mail cover placed	10-28 to 11-5-52			
SF T-6	1950 CP Membership of JUANITA STEFFENS	5-29-50 7-5,20-50	SA RICHARD NELSON	100-23939-18
SF T-7 who requested his name be kept confidential	Re R. W. STEFFENS being CP member and member Spanish Loyalst Army	1-19-50	J. HERBERT	100-23748-6
SF T-8	Invitation to Mrs. LOMAKIN to dinner at home of Mrs. Bem Stanislas	11-17-43 12-10-43		

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LEADS THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE

AT HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA

A mail cover placed on the residence of the subject reflects correspondence was received by the subject from _____, 666 N. Ramona, Hawthorne, California. It is requested that the occupants of this address be identified and the Los Angeles Office field indices reviewed in order that the significance of this contact may be determined.

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

Will report the subject's activities as received from confidential informants and sources of information.

REFERENCE Report of SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER, dated 10-31-52 at San Francisco.

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Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning Edward J. Mitchell, 4th or 4 A Ave., Sur N 30, Santa Ana, El Salvador.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675) DATE: 1/28/53

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-6359)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.
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The above subject in December, 1952, received correspondence from "EDWARD J. MITCHELL, 4th or 4 A Ave., Sur N 30, Santa Ana, El Salvador".

The Bureau is requested to furnish any information available from its files, which would identify this individual.

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Let to San Francisco
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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.	INTERNAL SECURITY - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

~~SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL~~

ARNAUTOFF resides 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California. Returned Stanford University as teacher in January, 1953. Arrived San Francisco 11/13/25 via Tenyo Maru. Immigration Visa issued Mukhden, China, 10/3/25; entered under Non-Quota Visa as a student. Emigrated to U. S. lawfully, entering U. S. at Nogales, Arizona, 5/23/31. Continues to attend "Russian Branch Club CP", aka "The Eleven Branch" and RAS meetings. Elected to San Mateo County Executive Committee of IPP.

AGENCY
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DETAILS:

The January, 1953 Street Telephone Directory of San Francisco reflects that VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF resides at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California.

The Registrar's Office, Stanford University, Schedule of Classes, reflects that the subject has office and teaching hours between 10 a.m. and 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week.

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On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., the subject teaches "Printing Processes" and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on like days the subject teaches "Oil Painting".

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

San Francisco Immigration and Naturalization Service file 245-P-38495 reflects that subject emigrated to the United States lawfully, entering on foot at Nogales, Arizona, on May 23, 1931 under the name of VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF. His last known residence is listed as Cayoaen D. F., Mexico.

The above file reflects that subject was originally admitted to San Francisco, California on November 24, 1925 having arrived in San Francisco on November 13, 1925 as a passenger on the Tenyo Maru destined to the California School of Fine Arts. On subject's Petition for Naturalization, it contains information reflecting that the subject has three sons, namely MICHAEL B. ARNAUTOFF, born June 8, 1924 in China; BASIL ARNAUTOFF, born October 9, 1925 in China; and JACOB, born September 11, 1930 in Cayoean, Mexico.

ARNAUTOFF

Ship Manifest #24629/4-3 of the Tenyo Maru which arrived in San Francisco on November 13, 1925, reflects that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, male, age 29, born Maripol, Russia, married student, able to speak Russian and English, was destined to the California School of Fine Arts, San Francisco, California. Subject's Immigration Visa was issued in Mukhdan, China on October 3, 1925. The Manifest reflected that he planned to remain in the United States for four years, his nearest relative being listed as Mrs. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, wife, residing "Consular St. Mukhden", and that he was in possession of $1,050. He entered the United States on a Non-Quota Immigration Visa as a student 4 (E) being admitted by B.S.I. (Board of Special Inquiry). He was described as being 5' 10" in height, brown hair, complexion dark.

RUSSIAN AMERICAN SOCIETY (RAS)

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SF T-1 advised that the subject regularly attended meetings of the RAS in November and December, 1952 including a banquet held on November 8, 1952 at 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco. At the November 14, 1952 meeting the subject, as chairman, announced that future meetings of "The Committee for Justice for the Rosenbergs" and a reception and program regarding the 20th Anniversary of the "American Russian Institute, Inc." were to be held in San Francisco. Subject also discussed the new five year plan as proposed by the last convention of the CP of the Soviet Union and pointed out that the Soviet Union is ahead of every capitalist nation in industrial expansion. He related that while industrial production in the United States increased 200% in the past ten years, Soviet industry increased 1,000% during the like period.

San Francisco T-2, CALK ~~of known~~ reliability, advised that the RAS, over the signature of subject as president, directed a letter to the ARI, Inc., in care of Dr. HOLLAND ROBERTS, President, 101 Post Street, San Francisco, announcing that the RAS on November 8, 1952 was holding a banquet dedicated to peace and friendship at which Dr. WILLIAM BERKE, a member of the ARI, would be the guest speaker. SF T-2 reported that the RAS desired representation at this important banquet from the ARI.

The ARI, Inc., San Francisco, has been cited by the Attorney General as being within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITY

San Francisco T-3, of unknown reliability, on December 9, 1952, advised that the subject in the first part of 1950 was a member of the Professional Branch of the San Francisco County CP.

SF T-1 advised that the subject continues to be active in the "Russian Branch Club of the Communist Party", also known as "The Eleven Club", having attended meetings in November and December, 1952.

The CP, USA, has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

MISCELLANEOUS

San Francisco T-4, of known reliability, advised that he recently met the subject, at which time they discussed several subjects, among which was the Korean War. During the conversation the subject expressed a belief and hope that peace negotiations would be concluded and that war between Soviet Russia

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and America would be avoided. He also commented that if the present Korean War was being prosecuted for the purpose of stimulating business, he felt that the same result could be achieved by sponsoring trade with Russia and other eastern European countries behind the Iron Curtain as it was not necessary to have war to accomplish this end.

San Francisco T-5, of known reliability, advised that the subject attended a meeting of the Independent Progressive Party of San Mateo County on November 9, 1952 at which the results of the November 4 Presidential Election were discussed and postcards passed out, the recipient being requested to write to President TRUMAN demanding executive clemency for ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG, who were convicted of espionage against the United States. SF T-5 also advised a meeting of this branch was held at subject's residence on December 3, 1952 at which time the same case was discussed.

SF T-1 advised that he had learned that the subject had recently attended an IPP meeting of San Mateo County and had been elected to the County Executive Committee.

San Francisco T-6, of known reliability, advised that he observed a Chevrolet automobile bearing California license 7 B 36575, parked in front of the subject's home on the night of December 14, 1952.

The records of the California Motor Vehicle Department, Sacramento, California, reflect that California license number 7 B 36575 is registered to DAVE SILVER, 1702 Washington Street, San Francisco, California, being listed as the sole owner. This automobile is a 1949 Chevrolet, 4-door sedan.

San Francisco T-7, of known reliability, advised that PAULINE SILVER attended a meeting of the CP of San Francisco on August 4, 1952.

The Communist Party has been previously identified.

San Francisco T-8, of known reliability, advised that DAVID SILVER attended lectures at the California Labor School on May 29, June 5, June 12, 1951 and on March 14, 1952. DAVE and PAULINE SILVER are man and wife.

MEMORS.

The California Labor School (CLS) has been designated by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

San Francisco T-9, of known reliability, advised that the ARNAUTOFFs were in contact with the following individuals during the months of November and December, 1952:

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HALBERSTADT, 3145 Fillmore Street, San Francisco, California

The San Francisco Telephone Directory reflects that the Halberstadt School of Fencing is located at 3145 Fillmore Street, San Francisco. The San Francisco 1951 City Directory reflects that HANS HALBERSTADT operates the above school. The San Francisco indices contain no derogatory information regarding this individual. SF T-1 has reported that subject is interested in fencing.

ARTHUR L. MYERS, MD, 536 Mason Street, San Francisco, California
The San Francisco indices contain no record of Dr. MYERS.
Suite 518, 516 Sutter Street, San Francisco, California

Offices of FRANCES FOSTER, MD; ELIZABETH ARTHURS, MD; ROBERT E. MEYES, DDS.

On September 3, 1952 the Los Angeles Office advised that United States District Judge DAVID W. LING had at Los Angeles, California, on August 30, 1952 ordered the release of ten of the Los Angeles Smith Act defendents on $20,000 bond each.

FRANCES FOSTER, 570 El Camino Del Mar, San Francisco, California, posted United States Treasury Bonds in the amount of $20,000 for the release of defendent AL RICHMOND and $20,000 in United States Treasury Bonds for the release of defendent FRANK EFROIM SPECTOR. Dr. FRANCES FOSTER is the wife of Attorney GEORGE ANDERSEN. CALIF

MRS.

The San Francisco Police Department on December 11, 1940 reported that Dr. FRANCES FOSTER, a physician, as of January 3, 1940, was a "member of C. P. Public Speaking Bureau" and that her former residence was listed as 69 Piedmont Street, and described as a "hideout for high-ranking officers of the Communist Party".

The San Francisco Police Department listed Dr. ELIZABETH ARTHURS as a doctor sharing an office at 516 Sutter Street with Dr. FRANCES FOSTER.

San Francisco T-10, of known reliability, advised that GEORGE ANDERSEN is employed as a named partner in the law firm of GLADSTEIN, ANDERSEN, and LEONARD, 240 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, and resides at 570 El Camino Del Mar, San Francisco, California. SF T-10 advised that during the early 1940's ANDERSEN was a member of the Professional Section of the CP and the Communist Political Association in San Francisco.

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San Francisco T-11, of known reliability, on July 18, 1951 advised that Attorney GEORGE ANDERSEN counsels CP members in legal problems and represents them in their litigation, and that ANDERSEN has been in frequent contact with CP functionaries.

San Francisco T-12, of known reliability, on April 6, 1948, advised that Dr. ELIZABETH ARTHURS, 29 W. Clay Park, San Francisco, enrolled in an art class at the California Labor School, previously identified, and that she had previously taken some courses at the school.

The San Francisco Office indices contained no identifiable information regarding ROBERT E. KEYES, DDS.

Room 211, 228 Mc Allister Street, San Francisco, California - Office of CRC

The Civil Rights Congress has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

549 Spencer Avenue, San Jose, California

The San Jose City Directory reflects that CLARENCE J. and MILDRED K. NUNES reside at this address, CLARENCE J. NUNES being listed as a construction worker, and the home being owned by a member of the family. The San Francisco indices contain no derogatory information regarding CLARENCE J. or MILDRED K. NUNES.

Pfc. J. V. ARNAUTOFF, 82nd Signal Company, Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Son

, 540 Franklin Street, Fresno, California

1125 - 16th Street, Washington, D. C.

ANNA ROCHESTER, 4001 Broadway, Room 604, New York 13, New York

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, self-admitted former Soviet Intelligence Agent, between the period of January and April, 1949, advised that one ANNA ROCHESTER had been a witness to his marriage in 1931 to ESTHER SHEMITZ in the New York City Hall and was a member of the John Reed Club of the CP. He stated that the John Reed Club of the CP was an organization of artists, writers,

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sculpters, newspapermen, and was the cultural group of the CP and the extreme left".

_____, Suite 3, 52 W. 125th Street, New York 27, New York

Room 204, 2 Stone Street, New York 4, New York

National Committee to Repeal the Mc Carren Act as of November or December, 1951.

Suite 33, 23 W. 26th Street, New York 10, New York

EDW. J. MITCHELL, Fourth Avenue, Sur N. 30, Santa Ana, El Salvador

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

IDENTITY OF SOURCE	DATE OF ACTIVITY AND/OR DESCRIPTION OF INFORMATION	DATE RECEIVED	AGENT TO WHOM FURNISHED	FILE # WHERE LOCATED
SF T-1, [redacted]	3/10/52	3/10/52	T. H. SULLIVAN	100-5896-720
	11/8/52, RAS banquet honoring Anniversary of Soviet Revolution	11/20/52	P. KELLERMEYER	[redacted]
	11/14/52, RAS meeting	12/2/52	D. F. MULLANE	[redacted]
	11/17/52, RAS Executive meeting	12/2/52	"	[redacted]
	12/5/52, RAS Executive meeting	1/6/53	S. F. FEWSTER	[redacted]
	12/12/52, RAS meeting	1/6/53	"	[redacted]
	12/26/52, RAS meeting (not regular meeting)	1/6/53	"	[redacted]
	11/11/52, CP meeting	12/2/52	D. F. MULLANE	[redacted]
	12/11/52, CP meeting	1/6/53	S. F. FEWSTER	[redacted]
	IPP meeting at San Mateo County	12/2/52	D. F. MULLANE	
SF T-2, [redacted]	11/8/52	11/21/52	E. J. O'FLYNN	[redacted]
SF T-3, [redacted] former Prof. Branch CP member who requested identity be kept confidential	Ident. of subject as member of Professional Branch CP in 1950	12/9/52	J. B. BENNETT & T. H. FARROW	100-6359-894

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SF T-4, [redacted] requested identity be kept confidential	12/4, 11/52	12/15/52	F. R. ELLEDGE	100-6359-890
SF T-5, [redacted]	11/19,12/3/52, IPP meetings of San Mateo County	11/20 & 12/4/52	T. F. WILDER	[redacted]
SF T-6, SA R. G. FLETCHER, spot fisur	8:15 p.m., 12/14/52	12/14/52	R. G. FLETCHER	Not previously reported
SF T-7, [redacted]	8/4/52, CP meeting attended by PAULINE SILVER	8/7/52	K. F. MOORE	100-31086A-1A (35)
SF T-8, [redacted]	5/29;6/5,12/51 & 3/14/52, CLS lectures attended by DAVID SILVER		L. F. TULLY	100-31381A
SF T-9, Mail Cover November and December, 1952				
SF T-10, [redacted]	1940's. Identification, GEORGE ANDERSEN as CP and CPA member			
SF T-11, [redacted]	Identification of GEORGE ANDERSEN as counselor of CP members			
SF T-12, [redacted]	4/6/48, Enrollment of Dr. ELIZABETH ARTHURS in CLS	4/6/48		

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Identification of ANNA ROCHESTER by JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, appears in report of SA THOMAS G. SPENCER, New York, 5/11/49 re J.D.W. CHAMBERS, was. - Perjury; Esp. - R, and IS-R.

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LEADS:

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE:

AT FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

RUC Sec 109

A Mail Cover placed on the residence of the subject reflects that correspondence was received by the subject from ____, 540 Franklin Street, Fresno, California. It is requested that the occupants of this address be identified and the Los Angeles Field indices be reviewed in order that the significance of this contact may be determined.

THE NEW YORK OFFICE:

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

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A Mail Cover placed on the residence of the subject reflects that correspondence was received by the subject from the following:

Room 204, 2 Stone Street, New York 4, New York
Suite 3, 52 W. 125th Street, New York 27, New York
Suite 33, 23 W. 26th Street, New York 10, New York

It is noted that Room 204, 2 Stone Street, New York 4, New York in November and December, 1951, was occupied by the National Committee to Repeal the Mc Carren Act. If this organization is not presently located at this address, will identify the present occupants.

It is requested that the occupants of the above address be identified and the New York Office indices be reviewed in order that the significance of this correspondence may be determined.

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Will report the subject's activities as received from confidential informants and sources of information.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER dated 12/19/52 at San Francisco.

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LOS ANGELES	2/27/53	2/5,11,19/53	WILLIAM L. BYRNE, JR. wcg

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.	INTERNAL SECURITY - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Background of ARTHUR RICHTER, 666 North Ramona, Hawthorne, California, set out.

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DETAILS:

T-1, of known reliability, advised that the ARNAUTOFF's were in contact with an individual who resided at 666 North Ramona, Hawthorne, California, some time between October 28 and November 5, 1952.

T-2, of known reliability, advised that the residence at 666 North Ramona, Hawthorne, California, had until late in November, 1952, been owned and occupied by ARTHUR RICHTER. This source advised that RICHTER was a machinist by trade and furnished his new address as 317 - 99th Street, Inglewood, California.

On January 20, 1942, Mr. DONALD HERRON, 3471 Hope Street, Huntington Park, California, advised that one ARTHUR RICHTER, who resided near 75th and Western, and who was a machinist at Emsco Derrick and Equipment Company, 1902 East 67th Street, was German born, loafed on the job, and also operated a cigar store at the plant. HERRON was of the belief that RICHTER was selling tobacco without a license.

On July 12, 1942, Mr. HERRON advised concerning the same ARTHUR RICHTER that he was born in Germany, and

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had been in the United States approximately twenty years. HERRON described him as being very pro-Hitler and stated that he had heard him make the following statement, "I live to see the day that HITLER defeats England and Russia." HERRON stated that he had no direct knowledge, but had heard rumors that RICHTER attended Bund meetings. He described RICHTER as being age 55, 5' 7" in height, 175 pounds, blue eyes, light brown hair, married with three daughters, who are married.

Mrs. EMALINE HOY, Secretary, Personnel Department, Emsco Derrick and Equipment Company, 6811 South Alameda, advised on February 11, 1953, that ARTHUR RICHTER presently resides at 317 - 99th Street in Inglewood, and formerly resided at 666 North Ramona, Hawthorne, California. She stated he has been employed as a machinist since 1922. According to his personnel form he was born on August 9, 1888 in Germany, and entered the United States in October, 1912, at Galveston, Texas. He claimed to have obtained his first papers on May 12, 1915, and claimed to have been naturalized on July 19, 1921. He stated that he was married and had three children, and owned his own home. Mrs. HOY stated he had an excellent record according to his employment file. Mrs. HOY advised that he had given a change of address from Hawthorne to the Inglewood address on November 14, 1952.

The records of the Retail Merchants Credit Association were checked by SE B. FRANK CROSS on February 5, 1953, and no record was found for ARTHUR RICHTER.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

LEADS:

THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION

At Fresno, California: Will determine the occupants at 540 Franklin Street, inasmuch as correspondence was received by the subject from that address.

INFORMANTS:

T-1: San Francisco mail cover as reflected in rerep.

T-2: Pretext interviews conducted by SA WILLIAM L. BYRNE, JR. The nature of the pretext was such that the agent did not obtain the names of the people being interviewed.

REFERENCE: Report of SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER dated 12/19/52 at San Francisco.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. F. J. BAUMGARDNER

FROM : MR. P. L. COX

DATE: MAR 11 1953

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SUBJECT: RE: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Bureau File Number 100-47675

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Memorandum dated 2/20/53 from Mr. Warren Olney III, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, to the Director, included the following in a list of names approved for inclusion in the Security Index.

Name Victor Michael Arnautoff

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The approval appears in serial 100-398030-7.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM --- UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: MR. A. H. BELMONT

March 4, 1953

FROM: W. A. BRANIGAN

SUBJECT: YURI VASILIEVICH NOVIKOV
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SYNOPSIS:

File reviewed and all pertinent contacts of Novikov interviewed with exception of those individuals connected with foreign diplomatic establishments. Majority of contacts are subjects of individual case files and have been investigated for pro-Russian or Communist Party activity. Of the 39 contacts interviewed, 19 persons refused to answer any questions. The remaining 20 admitted knowing Novikov and explained purpose of their contacts, allegedly for business reasons in connection with the Soviet Information Bulletin or seeking data for research or other academic reasons. Novikov inquired of George Hyde Engeman, if he knew of any persons who could make available scientific information on exchange basis. Engeman states he did not furnish desired information.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That, if you approve, the attached letter be forwarded to the Washington Field Office requesting a report setting forth the circumstances surrounding each contact, together with the results of each interview.

2. That, upon receipt of above report it be forwarded to the Department with a suggestion that the Department may desire to subpoena a number of the uncooperative subjects before a Federal Grand Jury.

DETAILS:

Pursuant to Butel of January 16, 1953, the Washington Field, New York, San Francisco and Los Angeles Offices submitted their recommendations of individuals to be interviewed who had been in contact with Yuri V. Novikov, a known espionage agent, declared

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persona non grata by the State Department, January 14, 1953, and who departed for the Soviet Union on January 19, 1953. Each office was requested to limit their recommendations to those individuals not connected with foreign diplomatic establishments where it was believed that the Bureau might gain information from such interviews particularly at this time.

The San Francisco, Los Angeles and New York Offices were authorized by Butel of January 19, 1953, to interview the individuals listed herein in their territories. The Washington Field Office, Philadelphia, and Richmond Offices were authorized by Butel of January 23, 1953, to interview the individuals located in their respective areas.

The Field has reported the results of these interviews in the individual case files. Accordingly, only a summary of the data relating to Novikov is set forth below under the name of the Field Office reporting results of the interview.

NEW YORK

Lloyd Gough, was., Internal Security - R, Bureau file 100-351326. New York teletype, January 22, 1953, states Gough admitted dinner with Novikov on one occasion in October, 1952.

Herbert Louis, Internal Security - R, Bureau file 105-20812, New York teletype dated January 22, 1953, states Louis recalled having dinner at House of Louie where stranger sat with him. Louis denied knowing Novikov.

Joel Rothman. New York teletype, January 22, 1953, in Novikov case reports Rothman of Advance Printing Company printed U.S.S.R. Information Bulletin from October, 1951, to July, 1952. Rothman stated he and Novikov had eaten together on several occasions and went to functions at Embassy. Rothman indicated clearly that he would not cooperate in furnishing confidential information in the event of renewal of contact with Embassy officials.

Elizabeth Sasuly, was, Security Matter - C, Bureau file 100-335340. New York teletype, January 22, 1953, states she refused to talk with Agents, repeating this on several occasions.

Reuben Resnikoff, was, Internal Security - C, Bureau File 100-60056. New York teletype, January 22, 1953, states Resnikoff interviewed January 21, 1953, at which time refused to discuss past or present life except for admission that he was employed by Soviet Information Bulletin from November, 1950, to March, 1952. All contacts were of a business nature and Resnikoff advised he registered with the Justice Department when first employed at the offices of the U.S.S.R. Information Bulletin.

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Irving Suhl, was, Security Matter - C, file 100-398955. New York teletype, January 23, 1953, states Suhl interviewed January 22, 1953, when he denied knowing Novikov and refused to answer any further questions without counsel. Subsequently contacted and advised as reported in New York teletype, February 6, 1953, that he had consulted counsel and was told not to answer questions.

Isabelle Suhl, nee Shugars, Security Matter - C, 100-398954. She avoided contact until February 11, 1953, at which time she was interviewed and refused to answer any questions.

Vincent Viola D'Atri, was, Internal Security - R, Internal Security Act - 1950, Bureau file 105-13779. New York teletype, January 22, 1953, reports D'Atri denied ever meeting Novikov or ever having visited Soviet United Nations Headquarters, 680 Park Avenue, New York City. D'Atri states he has never been a Communist. He was evasive about books he had written and refused to let Agents see them.

Leon Pressman, was Lee Pressman, Security Matter - C, Perjury, Internal Security Act - 1950, Bureau file 100-11820. New York teletype, January 26, 1953. Pressman stated all information in his possession had previously been furnished Bureau on August 30 and 31, 1950; that Novikov first came to see him at law office during latter part of 1949 to request Pressman to handle estate work for Soviet Embassy. This offer was accepted and Pressman continued to handle such matters until June, 1950. He was in daily contact with Novikov during Gubitchev-Coplon case. Pressman stated that Novikov had made no request of espionage nature to him.

Karen Morley Vidor, was, Internal Security - R, Bureau file 100-340300. New York teletype January 21, 1953, reported that her son, Michael Vidor stated that his mother was extremely ill and did not desire to be interviewed now or in the future by Bureau Agents for any reason whatsoever.

Martin Popper, Security Matter - C, Bureau file 105-1913. New York teletype, February 11, 1953, states Popper contacted February 10, 1953, at which time he indicated he would not talk to Bureau Agents except in his own law office and by appointment. Under these circumstances, no interview with Popper was conducted.

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WASHINGTON FIELD

Magdalena Eleanore Gale, Security Matter - C, Bureau file 100-4596, Washington Field Office teletype, January 30, 1953, reports Gale admitted meeting Novikov in attending meeting at his office. Gale stated she had no other contacts with Novikov; however, [redacted] reported on December 16, 1951, that Gale had contacted Novikov, suggesting that the name of a confidential informant in Washington, D. C., be removed from the mailing list of the Information Bulletin as "She is spying on us."

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Lynn Edwin Carter, Internal Security - R, Bureau file 65-59055. Washington Field Office teletype, January 29, 1953, states Carter denied acquaintance with Novikov but admitted visiting office of Soviet Information Bulletin approximately fifteen or twenty times from January, 1952, through August, 1952, for purely academic reasons.

Norman J. Whitaker, Internal Security - R, Bureau file 105-21754. Washington Field Office teletype dated January 29, 1953. Whitaker admitted meeting Novikov at a private home and later saw a movie in Novikov's Office. He apparently loaned Novikov books concerning chess as he stated he later visited Novikov's Office seeking return of these books. Whitaker refused to reveal the identity of the private home in which he met Novikov or any of the other individuals present. Confidential informant advised that this meeting was at the home of Bess Michelsen, 5309 Chevy Chase Parkway, Washington, D. C.

Bessie Michelsen, Internal Security - C. Washington Field Office teletype, January 29, 1953, reports Michelsen admitted three contacts with Novikov, one at the Soviet Information Bulletin Office, and two at her home. Michelsen stated she was in the insurance business and that the meeting at her home was a group of friends whom she refused to identify. Certain discrepancies were noted in her story and she was not entirely cooperative.

Lewis Cass Karrick, Internal Security - R, Bureau file 105-18457. Washington Field Office teletype January 29. Karrick interviewed January 28, and 29, 1953, at which time he advised that he contacted the Soviet Embassy four years ago, had been in the home of Bessie Michelsen for a meeting of the World Events Committee, that he gave Novikov a copy of the Christian Science Monitor showing Karrick's process of extracting oil from coal, that his last contact was approximately six months ago in an effort to obtain his copy of the Christian Science Monitor. Karrick wrote to the Bureau, January 29, 1953, and called in person on February 3, 1953. He appears to be a mental case.

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George Hyde Engeman, Internal Security - R, Bureau file 100-29726, Washington Field Office teletype, January 29, 1953. Engeman appeared most cooperative. He confirmed all known contacts with Novikov, including his dinner engagements, and contacts in the Soviet Information Bulletin Office. He stated that he took Novikov with him on a trip to examine real estate in Lake George area of New York. Engeman stated that his interview with Novikov in the early morning hours was in regard to upholstery work. Engeman stated that Novikov had asked him for information regarding the identity of persons who could make available scientific information to the Soviet Union on an exchange basis. Engeman stated that he furnished no information. He will be interviewed further regarding his own background and any additional data pertinent to this case.

Donald Alden Sawtelle, Security Matter - C, Bureau file 105-15578. Washington Field Office teletype January 29, 1953, reports Sawtelle, when interviewed January 28, 1953, admitted visiting the Bulletin Office on several occasions to obtain data on foreign affairs, that he had also met Nikoli G. Dyukov. Sawtelle, an admitted homosexual, stated that he had indicated his desires to Dyukov and accordingly, Dyukov has apparently avoided him as there have been no further contacts. Sawtelle admitted participation in Communist front groups.

Jacob Shalom Hyams, Security Matter - C, Bureau file 100-356110. Washington Field Office teletypes, January 29, and 30, 1953. Hyams finally advised that he was not desirous of being interviewed as he did not wish to be involved in this case.

John Vasly Nazarovech, was., Internal Security - R, Bureau file 100-392783. The Washington Field Office in teletype of February 19, 1953, states Nazarovech, a subscriber to Information Bulletin, contacted a Mr. Novo in Fall of 1952, in regard to refund due him when Information Bulletin banned by State Department. He was unable to identify photograph of Novikov and said he had no other contact with him.

SAN FRANCISCO

Jeremiah Feingold, was., Internal Security - R, Bureau file 100-10810. San Francisco teletype, January 21, 1953, reports Novikov requested Feingold to sell Information Bulletin in his store which Feingold declined to do.

Rose Selma Isaac, was., Internal Security - R, Bureau file 100-210092. San Francisco teletype, January 21, 1953, reports Rose Isaac refused to be interviewed. Had absolutely nothing to say.

Michail Osipovich Shapovalov, was., Internal Security - R, Bureau file 100-205630. San Francisco teletype January 21, 1953, states Shapovalov professed cooperation but denied ever having been in contact with Novikov.

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Alexander Mikhailovich Prisadsky, Internal Security - R, 105-21650. San Francisco teletype, January 21, 1953, reports that Prisadsky advised that two officials of the Soviet Embassy contacted him for the purpose of seeking his recommendation of Archimandrite Dosifei for the position of Bishop in the Russian Patriarch Church. Prisadsky stated in view of his position as Senior Clergyman, he should be contacted in such matters but could not explain why members of the Soviet Embassy would have an interest in such matters.

Holland Dewitte Roberts, Internal Security - C, Bureau file 100-79512. San Francisco teletype, January 24, 1953, states Roberts refused to be interviewed unless interview could be held in the office of George Anderson, Communist Party attorney in San Francisco. Under these circumstances, no interview was conducted.

Victor Michael Arnautoff, Internal Security - R, Bureau file 100-47675. San Francisco teletype, January 21, 1953, states Arnautoff refused to make any statement until he consulted with his attorney, whom he declined to identify. He stated that he would follow his attorney's advice and would insist on him being present. Interview could not be arranged in San Francisco Office, accordingly no interview conducted.

LOS ANGELES

(All reported in Los Angeles teletype dated January 22, 1953, captioned Novikov.)

Abraham Welanko, Bureau file 100-243710, denied meeting or knowing subject.

Mildred Stuewe, Security Matter - C, Bureau file 100-339232, refused to make any statement.

Eric Stuewe, Security Matter - C, Bureau file 100- 339232, refused to make any statement.

Dr. Sanford Goldner, Security Matter - C, Bureau file 100-334143. Refused to furnish any information.

David Robinson, Security Matter - C, Bureau file 100-279324. Refused to make any statement.

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Reva Mucha Zwolinski, Security Matter - C, Bureau file 100-345054. Refused to make any statement and referred Agents to her lawyer whom she declined to identify.

Michel Alexander Walden, Security Matter - C, Bureau file 100-51620. Refused to make any statement and referred Agents to his attorney, John McTernan.

Clara Walden, Security Matter - C, Bureau file 100-51620. Refused to make any statement.

Jessie Allen Josephson, Bureau file 100-13965. "Not interested."

PHILADELPHIA

Donald Lincoln Harter, Internal Security - R, Bureau file 100-351829. Philadelphia teletype, January 27, 1953. Harter, who is Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania, stated that he contacted Novikov to obtain additional copies of Soviet Bulletin and other source material for use in his classes; that Novikov never asked him for any information.

CLEVELAND

Elmer McClain. Cleveland teletype, January 28, 1953, in Novikov file reports McClain, an attorney, Lima, Ohio, stated he attended reception and went to Soviet Bulletin Office to obtain agricultural data for publication "Farming in Russia" which he edits; that he had no further business dealings or contacts with Novikov.

MIAMI

Dr. Frederick Augustus Blossom, Internal Security - C, Bureau file 61-7692. Miami teletype dated February 2, 1953, reports Blossom interviewed January 30, 1953, at Hysong Convalescent Home, East Palatka, Florida. Blossom states he met Novikov on two occasions, one at Soviet Bulletin Office in regard to his interest in this publication, the second at an Embassy reception in November, 1951. Stated he could recall no conversations with Novikov and did not know his first name until he read it in the newspapers after he had been declared persona non grata.

RICHMOND

Edward Emanuel Goodman, Security Matter - C, Bureau file 100-353017. Richmond teletype dated January 28, 1953, reports

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Goodman received unsolicited U.S.S.R. Information Bulletin but later subscribed when he visited Soviet Embassy to obtain a pamphlet; that he, Goodman, together with Aleksei A. Zudin and a man believed to be Novikov, had drinks at the Soviet Embassy at which time Zudin remarked that he understood Goodman was an inventor and had submitted to the United States Government an idea for a navigational device. Goodman stated that he was rather startled as he had furnished an invention entitled "Gyro-Navigator" to both the Navy and Department of Commerce in June, 1950. Goodman stated that he did not furnish any details to Zudin and made only general statements in regard to his invention. Goodman presently employed as a hotel night clerk in Richmond.

. . . . . .

A review of the Novikov file discloses that all pertinent contacts have been interviewed other than those individuals connected with foreign diplomatic establishments.

A copy of this memorandum is being designated for the individual case files.

It will be noted that the great majority of the individuals interviewed are subjects of individual case files, many of whom have been reported as being or having been members of the Communist Party. Their refusal to cooperate with the Bureau might possibly be because of the fact that something occurred at the meet between the individual and Novikov of an espionage nature. The break in Soviet-Israeli diplomatic relations, the purge of the nine doctors in the Soviet Union, and the anti-Semitism reportedly sweeping the Soviet and satellite countries, may have a definite effect on some of the uncooperative individuals. Therefore, it is felt that perhaps an appearance, pursuant to a subpoena, before a Grand Jury might have the psychological effect of impelling them to talk, not only concerning their contact or contacts with Novikov but particularly concerning their own pro-Russian or Communist Party activity.

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SAN FRANCISCO	3/25/53	1/21;2/17;3/16/53	STANLEY J. FEWSTER jlb

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.	INTERNAL SECURITY - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Subject resides 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California and employed at Stanford University. Continues to attend "Russian Branch Club, Communist Party" aka "The Eleven Branch" and RAS meetings. Attended twentieth anniversary reception of ARI and meeting of San Francisco Committee to Secure Justice for the ROSENBERGS in November, 1952. Subject on 1/21/53 declined to explain relationship with YURI V. NOVIKOV, former Second Secretary of U.S.S.R., who was declared persona non grata by the U.S. State Department, and who returned to the U.S.S.R.

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DETAILS:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

The March, 1953 telephone directory of San Francisco reflects that VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF resides at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California.

San Francisco T-1, of known reliability, advised that the subject continues to be employed as an art teacher at Stanford University, Stanford, California.

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SA WILLIAM B. DILLON and the writer on January 21, 1953 contacted the subject to determine if he would discuss and explain his relation with YURI VASILIEVICH NOVIKOV, former Second Secretary of the U.S.S.R. Embassy, Washington, D.C., who was recently declared persona non grata by the U.S. State Department, and who subsequently returned to the U.S.S.R.

The subject, on January 21, 1953, refused to make any statement, answer any questions, or to explain his relationship with YURI VASILIEVICH NOVIKOV until he consulted with his attorney, whom he declined to identify. Subject stated that he would follow his attorney's advise and if directed to allow an interview, would insist on his attorney being present. The subject's wife, LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, who was present on January 21, 1953, took the same position as that of her husband.

MRS VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF CALIF

COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITY

San Francisco T-1 advised that the subject continues to be active in the "Russian Branch Club of the Communist Party" aka "The Eleven Club", having attended meetings in January and February, 1953.

The Communist Party, U.S.A. has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

RUSSIAN AMERICAN SOCIETY (RAS)

San Francisco T-1 advised on March 10, 1952 that as of that date and for several years previously the RAS was controlled by members of the Communist Party and persons sympathetic with the Communist Party or the Soviet Union, and that its activities consist primarily of dissemination of propaganda on behalf of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

San Francisco T-1 advised that the subject regularly attended meetings of the Russian American Society in January and February, 1953, and was elected President of the RAS for the year 1953 at the January 30, 1953 meeting.

San Francisco T-2, of known reliability, advised that the RAS conducted a bazaar on December 7, 1952 at 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, which bazaar was attended by the subject.

San Francisco T-10, of known reliability, advised that the subject attended a banquet for peace sponsored by the Russian American Society which was held at 321 Divisadero Street on November 8, 1952.

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AMERICAN RUSSIAN INSTITUTE (ARI)

San Francisco T-2 advised that the subject attended the ARI, Inc., twentieth anniversary reception and program held at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, on November 22, 1952. The informant reported that all speeches made on this occasion were of a pro-Soviet tone.

MISCELLANEOUS

San Francisco T-3, of known reliability, reported that a meeting of the San Francisco Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG case (ETHEL and JULIUS) was held in November, 1952 at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, regarding the securing of a new trial and clemency for the ROSENBERGS. SF T-3 stated that approximately one thousand people attended this meeting, including the subject.

San Francisco T-4, of known reliability, reported that a reception and meeting was held on December 20, 1952 at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, for EDWIN and ISOBEL CERNEY, both of whom reported on their 1952 travels in Europe and in China, and that they had attended peace conferences in Europe and in Peking, China. SF T-4 advised that the subject attended the above meeting.

San Francisco T-1 and San Francisco T-5, both of known reliability, each advised that the subject attended the December 20, 1952 meeting held at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, wherein EDWARD and ISOBEL CERNEY were the main speakers and reported on their tour of China and the Asian Pacific Peace Conference held at Peking, China.

San Francisco T-6, of known reliability, advised that the Palo Alto Peace Club is accumulating a peace exhibition which is to be an artist exhibition of peace propaganda to be sent and exhibited to various peace clubs throughout the country. SF T-6 advised that the subject has been requested to contribute some of his art work to the exhibit.

San Francisco T-7, of known reliability, on October 11, 1951 advised that the Palo Alto Peace Club unquestionably is a Communist Party front organization inasmuch as the club follows and advances the Communist Party line and is controlled by Communist Party leadership.

San Francisco T-8, of known reliability, advised previously that the ARNAUTOFFS had been in contact with EDW. J. MITCHELL, 4th Avenue, Sur N. 30, Santa Ana, El Salvador, during the period of November and December, 1952.

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The Bureau on February 13, 1953 advised that Bureau files contained no identifiable data concerning EDWARD J. MITCHELL of the above address. EL SALVADOR

San Francisco T-9, of known reliability, advised that the subject's son (JACOB) had recently been discharged from the U.S. Army and will probably attend the University of California at Berkeley, California, taking courses in architecture.

The American Russian Institute, Inc., has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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The subject, on January 26, 1953, advised the writer by telephone that he had consulted with his attorney, whom he did not identify, and that he and his attorney had decided that an interview with the subject could be held at either the subject's home, 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, or at the residence of his attorney.

Mr. ARNAUTOFF was advised that any interview between Special Agents of the FBI and himself would be conducted in the office of the FBI, Federal Building, San Francisco, and that an interview would not be held at either his home or at the home of his attorney. Mr. ARNAUTOFF stated that he would so advise his attorney, who could contact the FBI office. The San Francisco Office has not been in receipt of any telephone call from the subject or his unidentified attorney since this date.

SOURCES

Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to Whom Furnished	File Number Where Located
SF T-1: [redacted]	CP meeting 11/25/52 not previously listed on administrative page.	12/2/52	D.F. MULLANE	[redacted]
	Description of RAS	3/10/52	T.H. SULLIVAN	100-5896-720
FOIA(b)(7)-(D)	Reception for E. and I. CERNEY 12/20/52	1/6/53	STANLEY F. FEWSTER	[redacted]
	RAS Executive Board meeting 1/2/53	1/6/53	STANLEY F. FEWSTER	[redacted]
	CP meeting 1/6/53	1/9/53	T.H. SULLIVAN	[redacted]

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	CP meeting 1/20/53	2/3/53	D.F. MULLANE	
	CP meeting 2/11/53	3/3/53	D.F. MULLANE	
	RAS meeting 1/9/53	2/3/53	D.F. MULLANE	
	RAS meeting 1/16/53	2/3/53	D.F. MULLANE	
	RAS meeting 1/30/53	2/ 3/53	D.F. MULLANE	
FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	RAS Executive Board meeting 2/6/53	3/3/53	D.F. MULLANE	
SF T-2:	RAS benefit 12/7/52	12/15/52	H.D. GRUSH	100-6359
	ARI 20th anniversary reception 11/23/52	12/1/52	H.D. GRUSH	100-6359-909
SF T-3:	SF Committee to Secure Justice, ROSENBERG case November, 1952	12/1/52	P.H. KELLERMEYER	
SF T-4:	Reception for E. and I CERNEY 12/20/52	12/23/52	P.H. KELLERMEYER	
SF T-5:	Reception for E. and I. CERNEY 12/20/52	1/7/52	T.F. WILDER	

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SF T-6: [redacted] who requested identity be kept confidential	Re Palo Alto Peace Club Sept. February, 1952	2/18/53	R.H. NELSON	100-6359-932
SF T-7: [redacted]	Identification of Palo Alto Peace Club	10/11/51	R.H. NELSON	100-28875-27
SF T-8: Mail cover November-December, 1952	FOIA(b)(7) - (D)			
SF T-9: [redacted] who requested identity be kept confidential	March, 1953	3/12/53	S.F. FEWSTER	100-6359
SF T-10: [redacted]	RAS banquet 11/8/52	12/3/53	JAMES DUNPHY	[redacted]

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THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Will report the subject's activities as received from confidential informants and sources of information.

REFERENCE: Report of STANLEY F. FEWSTER, dated 2/2/53, at San Francisco.

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LOS ANGELES	4/27/53	2/19;3/2;4/20/53	WILLIAM L. BYRNE, JR. blg

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.	INTERNAL SECURITY - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

540 Franklin Ave., Fresno, occupied by JOHN and OLGA YAKOVETIC. JOHN YAKOVETIC, Treasurer of the Fresno-Kerman Branch of the Russian-American Society.

1cc RAB
1cc INS
5-15-53

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DETAILS:

T-1, of known reliability, advised that the subject received correspondence from 540 Franklin Avenue, Fresno, California.

The following investigation was conducted by SA WALTER E. HEUCKE:

The 1951-1952 Fresno City Directory indicates that Mrs. OLGA YAKOVETIC resides at 540 Franklin Avenue, Fresno. The current telephone Directory for Fresno lists one JOHN YAKOVETIC as residing at that address.

T-2, of known reliability, advised on February 19, 1953, that JOHN and OLGA YAKOVETIC were still, at that time, residing at 540 East Franklin Avenue.

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T-3, of known reliability, on March 31, 1950, advised that at a meeting of the Russian American Society (RAS) held on March 24, 1950, at 321 Divisadero Street, the subject, chairman of the meeting, read a letter from the RAS Branch in the Fresno-Kerman area. The letter announced the new executive board for the RAS in that area and JOHN YAKOVETIC was named as treasurer.

T-3 advised in August, 1948, that the RAS was in financial bad shape and would have to give up its building. Shortly thereafter T-3, while engaged in conversation with GEORGE WILLIAMS, who had been a leader of the RAS in San Francisco, learned from WILLIAMS that the RAS was to build a new building and that JOHN YAKOVETIC of Kerman, California, would give $5,000.

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The records of the Merchants Credit Association, Fresno, California, as of December, 1948, reflected that JOHN YAKOVETIC, who was married to one OLGA JURISICK, was with his father, PETER YAKOVETIC, employed by the Selma Dressed Beef Company.

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Mrs. John Yakovetic Cal

Records of the Madera Credit Association, Fresno, California, indicate that JOHN YAKOVETIC had been known to that association since 1943. In 1943 he was employed by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company; in 1947 with the Selma Dressed Beef Company, and in 1952 by the Seat Cover Center, 740 Broadway, Fresno, California. His residence in 1945 was 239 North Mariposa, Fresno, and in 1947 was Route 2, Box 419, Selma, California.

There is no record in the Los Angeles files concerning YAKOVETIC's wife OLGA.

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INFORMANTS:

T-1 San Francisco mail cover.

T-2 Pretext phone call by SA WALTER E. HEUCKE.

T-3 [redacted]

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

REFERENCE:

Report of SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER, San Francisco, February 2, 1953.

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NEW YORK	4/29/53	2/5/53; 4/3, 14,20,22/53	DWIGHT M. WELLS, JR.

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was	INTERNAL SECURITY - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Room 204, 2 Stone St., NYC, is occupied by the National Committee for the Repeal of the Mc Carran Act. There is no suite 3 at 52 W. 125th St., NYC. Suite 3, 53 W. 125th St., NYC, occupied by Othello Recording Corp. This organization sells PAUL ROBESON records. Suite 33, 23 W. 26th St., NYC is occupied by American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born.

- RUC -

DETAILS: San Francisco Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised that the subject was in contact with the following people during the months of November and December 1952:

Room 204, 2 Stone Street, New York 4, New York.
Suite 3, 52 West 125th Street, New York 27, New York.
Suite 33, 23 West 26th Street, New York 10, New York.

On April 3, 1953, it was ascertained from the directory in the lobby of the building at 2 Stone Street, New York City, that room 204 is occupied by "The National Committee for the Repeal of the Mc Carran Act."

SAMUEL PARHAM, owner of the building located at 52 West 125th Street, New York City, advised on April 14, 1953, that there is not a suite 3 located in his building. He advised however, that he has an apartment 3 in his building that is occupied by JAMES E. SILER, a hack driver.

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The files of the New York Office do not contain any information on JAMES E. SILER.

It should be noted that the building across the street from 52 West 125th Street is 53 West 125th Street, which does contain a suite 3. This space is occupied by the Othello Recording Corporation. The Othello Recording Corporation advertises that it has PAUL ROBESON records for sale.

On June 23, 1950, LOUIS F. BUDENZ stated that PAUL ROBESON was a member of the Communist Party.

The records of the New York County Clerk's Office, New York City, were checked by SA CHARLES P. WISEMAN on February 5, 1953. These records revealed that the Board of Directors of the Othello Recording Corporation, suite 3, 53 West 125th Street, were as follows:

KATHERINE IRVING COOPER, 911 St. Marks Avenue, Brooklyn, New York

DOROTHY BURNHAM, 146 Cambridge Place, Brooklyn, New York

REVELS CAYTON, 2190 Madison Avenue, New York City

member CP

Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised that KATHERINE IRVING COOPER is the office manager of the Freedom Associates, 53 West 125th Street, New York City. T-2 also advised that "Freedom" is an eight page monthly tabloid paper published by Freedom Associates and that it is a Communist originated, directed, and controlled newspaper dealing with Negro life and problems.

On April 2, 1951, Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, described DOROTHY BURNHAM as a co-ordinator in the Jamaica, New York, Communist Party Section.

In October of 1951, REVEL CAYTON was described as a member of the Communist Party by Confidential Informant T-2, previously described in this report.

On April 20, 1953, it was ascertained that suite 33, 23 West 26th Street, New York City, is occupied by the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born.

It should be noted that the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born is cited by the Attorney General as as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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Informants

Identity of Source	Date of Activity or Description of Information	Date Rec.	Agent Who Rec. Info	File # and Location
SF T-1 Mail Cover	November and December 1952		SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER	SF 100-6359
T-2 [redacted]	Used to document an organization	October 1951	SA RICHARD H. BLASSER	100-112912
FOIA(b)(7)-(D)	October 1951	October 1951		
T-3 [redacted]	April 2, 1951	April 2, 1951	SA JOHN W. DOOLEY	100-112912

REFERENCE: Report of SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER, San Francisco, 2/2/53.

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SAN FRANCISCO	5/22/53	4/8,23;5/4,11/53	STANLEY F. FEWSTER KHT

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.	INTERNAL SECURITY - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: ~~SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL~~ es 1-1

Subject resides 1007 Washington St., Colma, and employed at Stanford Univ. Continues to attend "Russian Branch Club, CP" aka "The Eleven Branch" and RAS meetings. Attended CLS meeting 2/18/53 where chairman charged the U.S. was responsible for arrest of Jews in Soviet countries because all were trained spies of U.S. Attended CLS lecture 3/11/53 regarding "Is War Inevitable?"; International Woman's Day meeting 3/7/53; Graphic Art Workshop meeting 3/28/53, and benefit for ANMA, 4/11/53.

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1cc Cen } 3/21/58 - P - AGENCY Hdqs Army G2, IR, -5
REQ. REC'D 2-11-58
REP'T FORW. 3-4-58 (O.K. per Margaret)
By K Hu - IRS
Re: Michael Victor Arnautoff (Sp. Sou.)
Posted 8-12-53 1cc H. mel / 1cc Legat Paris EBS/amm

DETAILS: At San Francisco, California

The May, 1953 Street-Telephone Directory of San Francisco reflects that VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF resided at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California.

The March, 1953 Stanford University time schedule reflects that the subject continues to be employed by the University as an instructor in the Art Department.

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Communist Party Activity

San Francisco T-1, of known reliability, advised that the subject continues to be active in the "Russian Branch Club of the CP", aka "The Eleven Club" having attended meetings in March and April, 1953. (C)

The Communist Party (CP), USA, has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Russian American Society (RAS)

SF T-1 advised on March 10, 1952 that as of that date and for several years previously the RAS was controlled by members of the CP and persons sympathetic with the CP or the Soviet Union, and that its activities consisted primarily of dissemination of propaganda on behalf of the USSR.

SF T-1 on 12/2/52 advised that the RAS held a banquet on November 8, 1952 at 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco in honor of the anniversary of the Soviet revolution. This banquet was attended by subject who introduced the speakers and the honored guests. (C)

SF T-1 advised that the subject continues to be active in the RAS having attended meetings of the organization in February and March, 1953 (C)

California Labor School Activity

San Francisco T-2, of known reliability, on March 3, 1953 advised that the subject attended a meeting on February 18, 1953 held under the auspices of the California Labor School at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, at which meeting the chairman charged that the United States was responsible for the arrest of the Jews in Soviet countries because "they were all trained spies of the United States."

San Francisco T-3, of known reliability, on March 13, 1953 advised that the subject attended the third series of lectures entitled "Economic Problems of Capitalism and Socialism" at the California Labor School, 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, on March 11, 1953, the subject of the lecture being "Is War Inevitable?"

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SF T-5 [redacted]	Internation Womens Day meeting 3/7/53	3/23/53	H.D. GRUSH	100-6359-955
SF T-6 [redacted]	ANMA benefit, 4/11/53	4/14/53	R.H. NELSON	[redacted]
SF T-7 [redacted] whose identity is being protected at her request.	ANMA benefit, 4/11/53	4/20/53	R.H. NELSON	[redacted] and 100-6359-963
SF T-8 [redacted]	Thumbnail of ANMA	Summer, 1952	P. NOTTINGHAM	
SF T-9 [redacted] whose identity is being protected at her request.		5/11/53	STANLEY F. FEWSTER	First time reported
SF T-10 [redacted] who requested her identity be protected.		5/11/53	STANLEY F. FEWSTER	First time reported

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Leads:

SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

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At San Francisco, Calif.

Will report subject's activities as received from confidential

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San Francisco T-4, of known reliability, on April 3, 1953 advised that the Graphic Art Workshop of the CLS held a combination meeting and auction of prints and paintings on March 28, 1953, which was attended by the subject.

San Francisco T-5, of known reliability, on March 23, 1953 advised that about 200 people attended the International Woman's Day meeting at 321 Divisadero Street on March 7, 1953, at which the subject made a short speech congratulating the committee on its work. ISOBEL CERNEY, a delegate to the Asian Peace Congress was a speaker according to T-5. Mrs. CERNEY had been a former teacher in New York where she refused to take a loyalty oath and resigned her position. T-5 reported that the California Labor School chorus and the California Labor School theater also participated in the above program.

The California Labor School has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States as an organization coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

San Francisco T-6, of known reliability, on April 14, 1953 reported that a party for the benefit of the American National Mexican Association was held in Redwood City on April 11, 1953, which was attended by the subject.

San Francisco T-7, of known reliability, on April 20, 1953 advised that a supper given for the benefit of the American National Mexican Association was held in Redwood City at the home of JONATHAN ROWELL, 320 Lakeview Drive on April 11, 1953. T-7 reported that the subject lectured briefly at the above gathering at which a film of DIEGO RIVERA's mural on peace was shown.

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SF T-7 advised that the subject had worked with DIEGO RIVERA in Mexico and was well acquainted with him and respected him. T-7 advised that the gathering appeared to have been organized principally to further relations between the Mexican Americans present and the American people.

San Francisco T-8, of known reliability, in the summer of 1952 advised that the American National Mexican Association (ANMA) was designated by the CP in Oakland, California as a mass organization which Communist Party members should join and in which they should participate.

San Francisco T-9, of known reliability, on May 11, 1953 advised that she and her husband had recently met the subject and had talked with him on several occasions and learned that subject's son, JACOB, who was attending college, is presently residing with his parents. T-9 learned that JACOB had been recently discharged from the United States Armed Forces, but that due to their short acquaintanceship with the subject and his wife, they had no knowledge regarding the subject's associates or activities. JACOB ARNAUTOFF CALIF

San Francisco T-10, of known reliability, on May 11, 1953 advised that the subject's son, JACOB, who was recently discharged from the United States Armed Forces, is now attending college, name unknown, and residing with his parents. T-10 adivsed that originally JACOB had planned to attend college in Southern California and live with his brother, MICHAEL, but that he changed his plans and has been home for approximately two months. T-10 was unable to furnish any information regarding the activities of the subject and his wife. MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

Captain DOROTHY NIELSEN, former neighbor of the subject, who resided at 1011 Washington Street, Colma, California, on May 11, 1953 advised that she had been a neighbor of the subject and his wife for a period of approximately four to five years. During this period Captain NIELSEN became acquainted with all of the members of subject's family and advised that JACOB, the youngest son, was now attending City College of San Francisco having recently been discharged from the Armed Services. Captain NIELSEN was unable to furnish any definite information regarding the activities of either the subject or his wife but that Mrs. ARNAUTOFF impressed her as being the dominant member of the family, but that she had no information regarding any organizations with which the ARNAUTOFFS were associated.

MRS VICTOR MICHAEL CALIF

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Sources:

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	CP meeting 3/24/53	4/2/53	" " "	
	CP meeting 4/16/53	5/5/53	" " "	
	CP meeting 4/29/53	5/5/53	" " "	" "
	RAS banquet, 11/8/52	12/2/52	" " "	[redacted]
	RAS meeting 2/13/53	3/3/53	" " "	
	RAS executive board meeting, 2/20/53	3/3/53	" " "	
	RAS meeting 3/6/53	4/2/53	" " "	
	RAS meeting 3/16/53	4/2/53	" " "	" " "
	RAS meeting 3/20/53	4/2/53	" " "	" " "
	RAS meeting 3/27/53	4/2/53	" " "	" " "
SF T-2 [redacted]	CLS meeting 2/18/53	3/3/53	P.H. KELLERMEYER	[redacted]
SF T-3 [redacted]	CLS lecture, 3/11/53	3/13/53	L.F. TULLY	100-6359-952
SF T-4 [redacted]	CLS meeting 3/28/53	4/3/53	D.A. MERRILL	[redacted]

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

[redacted] whose identity is being protected at his request - Graphic Art Workshop

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informants and sources of information.

Reference:

Report of SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER dated 3/25/53 at San Francisco.

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Memo To: Director, FBI (100-47675)

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Title: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : W. A. Branigan

DATE: May 29, 1953

FROM : R. D. Gibbons

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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Glavin
Nichols
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An extensive investigation has been conducted of captioned subject, primarily in connection with his affiliation with the Russian-American Society, the American-Russian Institute and other similar organizations in San Francisco, California. Subject was one of the individuals contacted in San Francisco, California, by Yuri V. Novikov during Novikov's visit to San Francisco, in 1949, and in April, 1952.

San Francisco endeavored to interview subject 1-21-53. Subject refused to be interviewed until he consulted with his attorney. Thereafter subject refused to be interviewed unless his attorney could be present and further declined to be interviewed in the San Francisco office. Accordingly San Francisco did not attempt to interview subject.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the foregoing there would appear to be no present possibilities to develop subject in any type of informant or double agent capacity. It is therefore desired that this case be reassigned to a supervisor handling miscellaneous Internal Security - R investigations.

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VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, WAS.
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It is requested that future communications in captioned matter bear the character of Security Matter - C.

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Note: An extensive investigation of subject has been conducted, primarily in connection with his affiliation with the Russian - American Society, the American - Russian Institute and other similar organizations in San Francisco, California. Subject was one of the individuals contacted in San Francisco by YURI V. NOVIKOV, known Soviet espionage agent, during Novikov's visits to San Francisco in 1949 and 1952. He has also been in contact with other Soviet officials. San Francisco endeavored to interview subject 1/21/53. He refused to be interviewed until he consulted with his attorney. He thereafter refused to be interviewed unless his attorney could be present and further declined to be interviewed in the S. F. office. Accordingly, no further attempts were made to interview him. Subject teaches art subjects at Stanford University and his activities are being followed through confidential informants. Arnautoff is no longer of interest to the Espionage Section.

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SAN FRANCISCO	8/3/53	5/14,18,19,20, 28;6/3,4,15,16; 7/3/53	STANLEY F. FEWSTER KHT
TITLE: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was			CHARACTER OF CASE: INTERNAL SECURITY - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: ~~SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL~~

Subject resides 1007 Washington St., Colma, Calif., and employed at Stanford University conducting summer classes. Continues to attend "The Eleven Branch Club, CP" and RAS meetings. Discussions in RAS meetings in May, 1953 primarily concerned with action of Attorney General of U.S. regarding placing the RAS on A.G.'s subversive list. Attended CIS meetings and visited ARI, SF.

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REQ. REC'D 12-11-58
REPT. TO FORW. 3-4-58 (O.K. per Marguerite) posted 10/13/53 JMH.
BY Hui-TRS
Re: Michael Victor Arnautoff - (P-SA)

DETAILS: At San Francisco, California

The Stanford University Time Schedule dated May, 1953 for the summer quarter 1952-1953 reflects that the subject is teaching "Print Processes in Art" on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from two to five P.M. during the 1953 summer session.

San Francisco T-1, of known reliability, on June 16 and July 2, 1953 advised that he had been in contact with the subject and learned that the subject was teaching summer classes at Stanford University, Stanford, California, but was unable to furnish any additional in-

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formation regarding the subject's activities.

The July, 1953 Street Telephone Directory reflects that VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF resides at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California.

Communist Party Activity

San Francisco T-2, of known reliability, advised that the subject continues to be active in "The Eleven Branch Club, CP" having attended a meeting of this branch in May, 1953.

The Communist Party (CP), USA, has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

San Francisco T-3, of unknown reliability, on May 14, 1953 advised that he met the subject in 1934 when both were employed as artists by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) in painting the murals in Coit Tower, San Francisco, and that the subject later hired SF T-3 as an artist to work on the murals that were being painted at George Washington High School, San Francisco, California, in 1937. T-3 stated that he did not see the subject again until 1944 and that he commuted with the subject during the year 1944 and 1945. He stated that during this period the subject had on a number of occasions asked SF T-3 to join the CP and that T-3 did not join the CP and argued with subject against its policies. SF T-3 stated that he recently saw the subject but that he appeared very cool and unfriendly, which T-3 believes was due to the fact that he did not join the CP at the subject's request. T-3 furnished no additional information regarding the subject.

Russian American Society (RAS)

SF T-2 on March 10, 1952 advised that as of that date and for several years previously, the RAS was controlled by members of the CP and persons sympathetic with the CP or the Soviet Union, and that its activities consisted primarily of dissemination of propaganda on behalf of the USSR.

T-2 advised that the subject continues to be active in the RAS having attended meetings of the organization in April and May of 1953.

T-2 advised that the subject at the April 17, 1953 RAS meeting reported that the organization has a film entitled "Liberation of Czechs-Slovakians" which film was given the organization by the Soviet Consulate in 1946. Subject stated he was of the opinion that by showing the film they could raise funds for the RAS.

T-2 on April 2, 1953 and May 5, 1953 advised that the subject continues to assist in editing the RAS news bulletin entitled "For Peace."

T-2 reported that the subject on the occasion of the May 1, 1953 meeting reported that according to newspaper reports the RAS was declared subversive by the United States Attorney General. It was decided at the meeting that the organization would fight this declaration in the Courts after receiving notification. T-2 also advised that the subject at the May 8, 1953 meeting read a letter in which the Attorney General of the United States announced that he proposed to place the RAS on the subversive list and that the organization had ten days in which to reply. He pointed out that if they decided to challenge the decision, a hearing would be afforded before a Special Board. T-2 advised that the organization would challenge the decision and that the subject was instructed to contact their attorney and draft a letter to the Justice Department.

T-2 later reported that the subject had contacted their attorney, name not mentioned, and that the attorney planned to send a letter protesting the notification of the Attorney General claiming that the RAS was subversive. The subject stated that if the hearing were to be held in San Francisco they probably would attend, but if conducted in Washington, D.C., they would refuse to attend due to lack of funds.

San Francisco T-4, of known reliability, on May 25, 1953 advised that the RAS held a meeting on May 22, 1953 regarding the preparations for a picnic to be held May 24, 1953. T-4 advised that the subject at the RAS picnic on May 24, 1953 announced that the organization had received a letter from the United States Attorney General placing the organization on the subversive list but that he claimed that the organization was not subversive but stood for peace, was loyal to America, and wanted friendship between the United States and the Soviet Union.

California Labor School

San Francisco T-4 on May 11, 1953 furnished a copy of the Spring, 1953 issue of the San Francisco Writers Workshop Magazine published by the Writer's Workshop, California Labor School, 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, which magazine lists the subject as one of its contributors.

San Francisco T-5, of known reliability, on April 22, 1953, advised that the California Labor School held an "open house" on April 17, 1953 at which the subject spoke and praised the workmanship and art of a "peace mural" painted by DIEGO RIVERA of Mexico City, Mexico. Subject stated he cooperated in the production of the painting which was shown in a color projector.

San Francisco T-6, of known reliability, on April 20, 1953 advised that the subject attended the California Labor School "open house" on April 17, 1953, at which time he commented on great paintings.

San Francisco T-7, of known reliability, on May 18, 1953 advised that the fourth lecture on "Dialectics" was held at the California Labor School on May 14, 1953, which class was attended by about 30 people including the subject.

The California Labor School has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Miscellaneous

SF T-6 on March 19, 1953 advised that a mass meeting to honor STALIN and for world peace was held under the auspices of the "Daily Peoples World" at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, on March 15, 1953, which was attended by the subject.

According to the Fourth Report, Un-American Activities, in California for 1948, the Daily Peoples World is reflected as the official organ of the Communist Party.

Spot checks on the subject were conducted on May 5, 6, 7, 19, 28 and June 3 and 4, 1953 by San Francisco T-8, of known reliability. T-8 reported the following activities of the subject:

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Visited 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, in which the California Labor School and the RAS are located on May 5 and 7, 1953;

Visited 101 Post Street, San Francisco on May 7, 1953, in which the offices of the American Russian Institute, Inc. (ARI) are located;

The subject on May 7, 1953 prior to returning to 321 Divisadero Street from 101 Post Street obtained a brown manila franked envelope from the Post Office, Haight and Clayton Streets, which according to SF T-8 was addressed to the RAS from the Department of Justice;

Subject on May 19, 1953 visited 101 Post Street, San Francisco;

(The American Russian Institute has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States as an organization coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.)

The subject on the evening of June 4, 1953 visited 1932 Cabrillo Street, which according to the June, 1953 Street, Telephone Directory is the residence of I. R. FROMER. CP. ILL.

San Francisco T-9, of known reliability, advised in the latter part of 1943 that IRVING RHODES FROMER became a member of the 43rd Branch, 9th Section of the CP in Chicago, Illinois on January 27, 1943.

San Francisco T-10, of known reliability, on May 7, 1951 advised that the subject was a yearly subscriber to the Daily Peoples World newspaper.

San Francisco T-11, of known reliability, on June 23, 1953 advised that the records of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company reflect that only one toll call was charged to Plaza 5-0472 between the period of June, 1952 and June, 1953. T-11 advised that on April 27, 1953 a telephone call was placed from Plaza 5-0472 to Eureka, California, telephone number Hillside 2-0052, which is listed to the name ARNAUTOFF at 615 L Street, Eureka, California (subject's son).

Plaza 5-0472 is assigned to subject.

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SF T-1 [redacted] who requested his name be kept confidential	1953	6/16; 7/2/53	S.F. FEWSTER	First time reported
SF T-2 [redacted]	CP meeting, 5/26/53	6/3/53	D.F. MULLANE	[redacted]
	RAS Bd. of Directors meeting 4/2/53	4/8/53	S.F. FEWSTER	
	RAS Bd. of Directors meeting 4/17/53	5/5/53	D.F. MULLANE	
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	RAS meeting 5/8/53 (spec. meeting of Bd. of Dir.)	6/3/53	D.F. MULLANE	
	RAS Bd. of Directors meeting 5/15/53	6/3/53	D.F. MULLANE	[redacted]
	RAS meeting 5/22/53	6/3/53	D.F. MULLANE	
	RAS Brd. of Directors 5/29/53	6/3/53	D.F. MULLANE	
SF T-3 [redacted] who requested name be kept confidential	1934-1945	5/14/53	T.F. WILDER	100-6359-986

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SF T-4	RAS meeting, 5/22/53	5/25/53	H.D. GRUSH	100-6359-997
	RAS picnic, 5/24/53	5/25/53	H.D. GRUSH	
	S.F. Writers Workshop Magazine - Spring 1953 issue	5/11/53	H.D. GRUSH	
SF T-5	CLS open house, 4/17/53	4/22/53	P.H. KELLERMEYER	
SF T-6	Mass meeting 3/15/53 Auspicies D.P.W.	3/19/53		
	CLS open house, 4/17/53	4/20/53	J. DUNPHY	
SF T-7	5/14/53	5/18/53	D.A. MERRILL	
SF T-8 Fisurs	5/5/53 by SA E. KWASNIEWSKI, P. J. HAGGERTY, JR., E.A. BOGUSLAV, FRANK POLLNER			100-6359-966, 967
	Fisurs 5/7/53 by SA's S.F. FEWSTER, N. FRYE, E. RAUDSEP, H. FOX			100-6359-969
	Fisur 6/4/53 by SA. S. F. FEWSTER			First time reported

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	Fisure, 5/19/53 by SA's W.K. WELCH, H.W. BAKER, W. COHENDET			100-6359-974
SF T-9 Anonymous	Identification of IRVING RHODES FROMER as member CP			Associate
SF T-10 MAXINE SOLTER, superintendent mail D.P.W. re PW subscription of FROMER			W.H. KEHE	100-33836
SF T-11 [redacted]	P.T. & T. Co. toll call records from June 1952 to 6/23/53			
SF T-2 [redacted]	Identification of RAS, 3/10/52		T. SULLIVAN	100-5896-720

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Lead:

SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

At San Francisco, Calif.

Will report subject's activities as received from confidential informants and sources of information.

At Oakland, California

Will interview MILES HUMPHRIES, 4184 Broadway, Oakland, to determine his knowledge of subject's Communist activities.

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Reference:

Report of SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER dated 5/22/53 at San Francisco, Calif.

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TITLE: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, Was.			CHARACTER OF CASE: ~~SECURITY MATTER - C~~ IS-C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

~~- SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL -~~

Subject resides 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, and is employed at Stanford University, where it is believed he will conduct fall classes in art. Continues to attend "The Eleven Branch Club, CP" and RAS meetings. Attended Executive Committee meetings of ARI, Inc. in July and August, 1953. Member of discussion group sponsored by the CLS to conduct tours and discussions regarding murals in Rincon Annex Post Office, SF.

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DETAILS: San Francisco T-1, of known reliability, on August 3, 1953 advised that the subject and his wife plan to leave on a two weeks vacation on or about August 17, 1953 and would spend their vacation in the vicinity of Oakdale, California. SF T-1, on August 24, 1953, advised that the subject and his wife were scheduled to return from their vacation on August 29, 1953 and was under the impression that the subject planned to teach art at Stanford University during the fall semester of 1953.

SF T-1 on September 4, 1953 advised that the subject was leaving San Francisco on that date to visit his son, MICHAEL, who resided in Southern California, and would return to San Francisco on the following Monday or Tuesday, September 7th or 8th. The subject advised SF T-1 that he was visiting his son, whose wife had recently given birth to a daughter.

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San Francisco T-2, of unknown reliability, on July 22, 1953 advised that several years ago she attended the 25th wedding anniversary celebration of the ARNAUTOFFs at their home, at which celebration the subject made the statement that he was a true student and follower of LENIN and STALIN.

COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITY

SF T-1 advised that the subject continues to be active in "The Eleven Branch Club, Communist Party," having attended meetings of this branch in June, 1953.

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450.

The "Daily People's World" newspaper in its issue of July 21, 1953, Page 3, Columns 1 and 2, advertised a meeting to be held under the auspices of the "Daily People's World" at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, on July 24, 1953. The speaker at this meeting was indicated to be JOSEPH CLARK, a former Moscow correspondent for the "Daily Worker" and "Daily People's World." He was to speak on the subject of "Behind the Iron Curtain."

CALIF. RUSSIA

San Francisco T-3, of known reliability, on July 30, 1953 advised that the above meeting was held on July 24, 1953 as advertised, the purpose of the meeting being to raise money for the "Daily People's World." SF T-3 advised that among those present was the subject.

The California Committee on Un-American Activities, 1948, Page 354, reflects "The People's World is an official West Coast Communist paper."

AMERICAN RUSSIAN INSTITUTE, INC., SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco T-4, of known reliability, advised that the American Russian Institute, Inc., 101 Post Street, San Francisco, held Executive Committee meetings on July 14 and August 11, 1953, both of which were attended by the subject.

The American Russian Institute, Inc. of San Francisco has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

RUSSIAN AMERICAN SOCIETY, INC. (RAS)

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SF T-1 has advised that the subject continues to be active in the RAS, having attended meetings of the organization in June and July of 1953, and also the RAS Banquet on June 27, 1953 observing the 12th anniversary of the RAS.

The RAS, Inc. has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450.

San Francisco T-5, of known reliability, on July 27, 1953 advised that the subject attended the RAS Banquet, held June 27, 1953 at 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, at which time he advised the guests that the RAS had been placed on the subversive list by the United States Attorney General. The subject at this time stated that the RAS was not subversive but merely against war, and that it was his intention and the intention of the organization to fight the subversive designation.

CALIFORNIA LABOR SCHOOL ACTIVITY

On August 14, 1953 San Francisco T-6, of known reliability, furnished an announcement concerning a series of lecture tours and discussions to be held on July 20, 27; August 2 and 3, 1953. The announcement reflected that these lecture tours were being sponsored jointly by the California Labor School and the Graphic Arts Workshop and would concern the murals in the Rincon Annex Post Office, which were painted by ANTON REFRIGIER. The announcement reflects that these tours and discussions would be led by VICTOR ARNAUTOFF and others. CALIF.

San Francisco T-7, of known reliability, advised that a meeting of the Graphic Arts Workshop was held on July 29, 1953 at 771 Waller Street, which was attended by the subject. SF T-7 reported that the discussions at the meeting pertained to the murals painted by ANTON REFRIGIER on the walls of the Rincon Annex Post Office, San Francisco. SF T-7 also furnished a leaflet entitled "Here Are Your Rincon Annex Murals," which announces lecture tours and discussions regarding these murals. The subject was listed with others as being among the leaders of this discussion group, the tours and discussions being sponsored by the California Labor School and the Graphic Arts Workshop.

The "Daily People's World" newspaper of July 23, 1953, Page 3, Column 2, contains an article "Book Burning Topic of Dialectics Class," which reflects that book burnings, attacks on the REFRIGIER murals and planned destruction of public school and college programs will illustrate some of the laws of contradiction in the class of dialectics at the California Labor School, Thursday evening. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, leading United States

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artist, will tell how ANTON REFRIGIER was chosen by a National Art Committee and offices of the Federal Government to paint his noted murals in the Rincon Annex of the San Francisco Post Office.

San Francisco T-8, of known reliability, on July 28, 1953 advised that a "Lecture on Dialectics" was conducted by Dr. HOLLAND ROBERTS at the California Labor School on July 25, 1953 and that a Writer's Workshop class was also being conducted at the same time in the auditorium of the building. SF T-8 reported that the subject addressed Dr. ROBERTS class regarding the method of selection of the ANTON REFRIGIER murals and also reported that the subject attended the Writer's Workshop class on July 25, 1953.

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The California Labor School, Inc., San Francisco, California, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450.

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SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Will report subject's activities as received from confidential informants and sources of information.

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SF T-1	Re vacation	8/3/53	G.D.COAKLEY	100-6359-1020
[redacted]	Re employment	8/24/53	"	100-6359-1029
	CP mtg 6/11/53	6/13/53	"	[redacted]
	" " 6/25/53	6/30/53	"	
	RAS mtg 6/5/53	7/3/53	"	
	" " 6/12/53	7/3/53	"	
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	" Banquet 6/27/53	7/3/53	"	
	RAS Ex. Bd. mtg 7/23/53	8/3/53	"	
	RAS mtg 7/31/53	8/3/53	"	
SF T-2 [redacted] SF, who requested identity be kept confidential.	25th anniversary of sub's wedding	7/22/53	H.D.GRUSH & W.K.WELCH	100-6359-1016
SF T-3 [redacted]	DPW meeting 7/24/53	7/30/53	T.F.WILDER	[redacted]
SF T-4 [redacted]	ARI, Inc. Ex. Bd. meetings	7/14/53 8/11/53		
SF T-5 [redacted]	RAS Banquet 6/27/53	7/27/53	H.D.GRUSH	100-6359-1026A
SF T-6 [redacted]	CLS lectures, July & Aug., 1953 & tours re murals	7/9/53	R.J. MC MULLEN	[redacted]

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SF T-7 [redacted]	CLS lectures, July & Aug., 1953 & tours re murals	7/29/53	P.H.KELLERMEYER	[redacted]
SF T-8 [redacted]	CLS 7/25/53	7/28/53	W. J. HOY	[redacted]

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REFERENCE: Report of SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER, dated 8/3/53, at San Francisco.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/9/53

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

SUBJECT: VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF
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SA'S of the San Francisco Office on October 28, 1953, observed the subjects eating together and conversing at the Plaza Hotel in San Francisco.

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[redacted] has advised that ARNAUTOFF is President of the Russian American Society, which has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450, and further stated that he is a member of the Communist Party. ARNAUTOFF is employed as a professor of art at Stanford University.

ARNAUTOFF is the subject of a pending investigation in the San Francisco Office, which investigation is directed toward determining if the subject is engaged in Soviet espionage activities.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.	INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: ~~SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL~~

Subject resides 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California and is absent from Stanford University on leave; is doing part-time work at ARI Inc. and preparing paintings for personal exhibit. Continues to attend "Branch Eleven of the Communist Party" and RAS, Inc. meetings. Subject met GRIGORI ILYICH OLIFIRENKO, Cultural Attache, Soviet Embassy, 10/28/53 in Plaza Hotel, San Francisco. Activities of subject set out as appearing in "Hearing Before Sub-Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds of the Committee on Public Works, House of Representatives, 83rd Congress, First Session". Daily People's World subscription expires 1/1/54.

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DETAILS: AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

The November, 1953 street telephone directory reflects that VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF resides at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California.

The Stanford University "Time Schedule" for the "Autumn Quarter, 1953-54" reflects that V. M. ARNAUTOFF is "absent on leave".

San Francisco T-1, of known reliability, on October 6, 1953 advised that the subject will not return to his teaching position at Stanford University until January, 1954 as he is spending time working at home and doing part-time work at the American Russian Institute, Incorporated, 101 Post Street, San Francisco. In addition, subject is preparing his paintings for a personal exhibit which is to take place in the near future.

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San Francisco T-2, of known reliability, on October 8, 1953 advised that the subject is not teaching at Stanford University during the present autumn quarter, but is remaining at his Colma, California home.

The American Russian Institute, Incorporated of San Francisco has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The San Francisco Chronicle newspaper of November 8, 1953, in the section entitled, "This World," page twenty-eight, column one, contains an advertisement which reflects that "The Rotunda Gallery presents an exhibition of paintings by VICTOR ARNAUTOFF" and others on the fourth floor of the City of Paris Department Store, Stockton and Geary Street, San Francisco, from November 7 through November 30, 1953.

The catalogue of "The Rotunda Gallery, City of Paris" reflects that paintings of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF and others would be shown from November 7 to November 30, 1953. This catalogue contains the following information regarding the subject and lists his paintings which are on exhibit and for sale:

> "VICTOR ARNAUTOFF has executed frescos in San Francisco at the Presidio Club and the George Washington High School. From the years 1936 to 1939 he painted murals in oil by appointment of U. S. Federal Government in Linden and College Station, Texas, Richmond, South San Francisco, and Pacific Grove, California.
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> "He was instructor of fresco painting for two years at the California School of Fine Arts and taught life drawing and painting in the Art Department at Stanford University serving as Assistant Professor of Graphic Arts and at present in the Department of Art and Architecture."

The above catalogue lists the following paintings on exhibit and for sale:

"A Cold March Day
Sunday Morning
A Calm Day
Cannas and Peaches
Defeat
Caprices of Spring
Boy Chopping Wood
An Old Home
Portrait of Mrs. T. K.
Portrait of Mrs. B. F.

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September
San Francisco City Limits
Washington Square (San Francisco)
Still Life (vegetables)
Still Life (flowers)
Terrace at a Mountain Retreat
Roosevelt Way
A Fresno Valley Farm House"

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San Francisco T-5, of known reliability, advised that about 8:20 pm on October 28, 1953 VICTOR ARNAUTOFF left the Plaza Hotel alone and San Francisco T-6, of known reliability, advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF then proceeded to his home at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California.

HEARING BEFORE THE SUB-COMMITTEE
ON
PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS
OF THE
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
EIGHTY-THIRD CONGRESS
FIRST SESSION

May 1, 1953

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REGARDING THE "RINCON ANNEX MURALS"
"SAN FRANCISCO"

The above report contains the following information regarding VICTOR N. ARNAUTOFF on page seventeen and eighteen:

"According to the Daily Worker, December 10, 1952 (p. 4), Dr. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was a signer of an appeal to President TRUMAN requesting amnesty for the leaders of the Communist Party convicted under the Smith Act.

"A photostatic copy of an undated letterhead of the 20th Anniversary National Conference of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, U. E. Hall, Chicago, Ill., December 8-9, 1951, listed VICTOR ARNAUTOFF as a sponsor of that organization. He signed a statement of the American Committee *** against denaturalization as shown by the August 10, 1950 issue of the Daily Worker (p. 5). The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born was cited as subversive and Communist by the Attorney General of the United States in letters furnished the Loyalty Review Board and released to the press by the United States Civil Service Commission June 1 and September 21, 1948. The Special Committee on Un-American Activities, in its report of March 29, 1944 (p. 155), cited the American Committee *** as 'one of the oldest auxiliaries of the Communist Party in the United States.'

"VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, artist, San Francisco, was a delegate to the American Continental Congress for World Peace as reported by the September 21, 1949, issue of the Daily People's World (p. 5). According to the September 16, 1949, issue of the Daily People's World (p. 2), VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was a speaker at the American Continental Congress for Peace; his speech was reprinted in the October 6, 1949, issue of the newspaper (p. 5). The Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, in its report on the Communist 'Peace' Offensive, April 1, 1951 (p. 21), cited the American Continental Congress for Peace as 'another phase in the Communist "peace" campaign, aimed at consolidating anti-American forces throughout the Western Hemisphere.'

"A pamphlet, We Can Keep Peace (p. 3), published by the American Russian Institute of San Francisco, 1950, listed VICTOR ARNAUTOFF as a San Francisco sponsor of the Committee To Welcome the Dean of Canterbury. According to the New York Times of September 21, 1948 (p. 5), the Committee To Welcome the Dean of Canterbury was formed in 1948 when the State Department refused

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to grant a visa to HEWLETT JOHNSON, Dean of Canterbury, because his proposed visit to the United States was sponsored by the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, an organization on the Attorney General's list. England

"The American Russian Institute of San Francisco was cited as a Communist organization by the Attorney General in a letter released September 21, 1948.

"The Attorney General cited the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship as subversive and Communist in letters released December 4, 1947, and September 21, 1948. The special committee ***, in its report of March 29, 1944 (p. 156), cited the National Council *** as follows: 'In recent months, the Communist Party's principal front for all things Russian has been known as the National Council for American-Soviet Friendship.'

"VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was a member of the faculty or a lecturer at the California Labor School as shown by the spring 1947 catalog of the school (p. 44), in which he was identified as a painter; assistant professor, Stanford University, graphic arts department; instructor, California School of Fine Arts; painted murals in Sam Francisco, the bay area and Texas. He was listed also as a member of the faculty of the school in the Yearbook and Catalogue, California Labor School, 1948 (pp. 25, 36), and in the testimony of WALTER S. STEELE, public hearings, Committee on Un-American Activities, July 21, 1947, (p. 54). According to the Daily People's World of November 7, 1947 (p. 5), VICTOR ARNAUTAUFF was a judge at an art carnival given by the California Labor School.

"I should point out the spelling is very slightly different there.

"His engravings were exhibited by the California Labor School as reported by the June 22, 1948, issue of the Daily People's World (p. 5). On June 10, 1952, the Daily People's World (p. 7), reported that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF would discuss realism in Russian and Soviet art at the California Labor School on June 11. The Attorney General cited California Labor School as a subversive and Communist organization at 216 Market Street, San Francisco, Calif., in letters released June 1 and September 21, 1948.

"The Daily People's World of February 10, 1948 (p. 3) listed VICTOR ARNAUTOFF as a signer of a letter to the President, released under auspices of the Civil Rights Congress, protesting against the deportation of Communists.

"The Attorney General cited the Civil Rights Congress as subversive and Communist in letters released December 4, 1947 and September 21, 1948. The congressional committee *** in its report of September 2, 1947 (pp. 2 and 19), cited the Civil Rights Congress as an organization formed in April 1946 as a merger of two other Communist-front organizations (International Labor Defense and the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties); 'dedicated not to the broader issues of civil liberties, but specifically to the defense of individual Communists and the Communist Party' and 'controlled by individuals who are either members of the Communist Party or openly loyal to it.'

"Art criticisms by VICTOR ARNAUTOFF are found in the Daily People's World issues of April 19, 1948 (p. 5), and September 17, 1948 (p. 5). The Daily People's World was cited as 'the official organ of the Communist Party on the west coast' by the special committee *** report, March 29, 1944 (p. 95)."

It is to be noted that the Daily Worker was cited as the "official Communist Party, USA, organ" by the Committee on Un-American Activities in its 1948 Report.

COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES

San Francisco T-1 advised that the subject continues to be active in "Branch Eleven of the Communist Party," having attended meetings of this branch in August, September and October, 1953.

The Communist Party, U.S.A., has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

San Francisco T-1, on September 4, 1953, advised that the subject, at the August 4, 1953 meeting of "Branch Eleven of the Communist Party" reported that the Russian American Society, Incorporated (RAS, Inc.) had been declared a subversive organization and that the RAS, Inc. had been removed from the list of tax exempt organizations by the U. S. Treasury Department. He reported that upon advice of their attorney the RAS, Inc. decided to fight the case in court and that the RAS, Inc. would answer the questionnaire received from the Treasury Department regarding their financial and political activities.

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San Francisco T-1 also reported that the subject was mildly reprimanded by Party leaders as they were of the opinion that the RAS, Inc. was too small an organization to fight the Attorney General's decision in court, the task to be given to a larger and stronger organization . According to San Francisco T-1, the subject was instructed to withdraw his signature from the Treasury Department questionnaire and to answer only questions pertaining to the financial status of the RAS, Inc.

CALIF. San Francisco T-1, on November 3, 1953, advised that the subject's wife, LYDIA, at the October 27, 1953 Branch Eleven Communist Party meeting, announced that the Communist Party desires that all members take active part in the affairs of right-wing organizations; such as, unions, Parent-Teacher Associations, lodges, etc. During this discussion, LYDIA stated that the subject belongs to three right-led art societies; however, she did not identify them. MRS. VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF CALIF C.P.

San Francisco T-14, of unknown reliability, on October 9, 1953 advised that he had been a member of the Multi-Professional Branch of the Professional Section of the San Francisco County Communist Party and when shown several photographs, including the subject's, who were known to have been associated with the above branch, San Francisco T-14 stated that he recognized a picture of the subject and three others as close resemblances of former fellow members of the Multi-Professional Branch of the Communist Party. San Francisco T-14 stated, however, that he was unable to name the individuals depicted in the afore-mentioned photographs.

RUSSIAN AMERICAN SOCIETY, INCORPORATED (RAS, Inc.)

San Francisco T-1 has advised that the subject continues to be active in the RAS, Inc., having attended meetings of this organization in August, September and October, 1953.

The Russian American Society, Incorporated has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

San Francisco T-1, on September 4, 1953, advised that the RAS, Inc. held a meeting on August 14, 1953 when "recent political difficulties of the United States Government in Europe and Asia" were discussed, which meeting was attended by the subject.

San Francisco T-1 advised that at the September 30, 1953 meeting of the RAS, Inc., the subject announced that the American Russian Institute, Incorporated (ARI, Inc.) had published a "Friendship Book" and requested that all friendly organizations be contacted to sell the book to their friends.

The American Russian Institute, Incorporated has previously been identified.

San Francisco T-1 reported that the subject, at the RAS, Inc. meeting on October 16, 1953, advised that although sixteen different progressive organizations were invited to take part in celebrating the Soviet Anniversary on November 7, 1953 only one, namely, the Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, sent its representative to the joint organizational meeting on October 13, 1953. The subject was also reported to have opened the meeting for a political discussion, it being decided to discuss the recently published book by JOSEPH MORTON, "McCarthy - The Man and the Ism". CALIF.

According to the informant, subject opened the discussion by stating that American monopoly capital follows the Hitler line in trying to establish Fascism in the United States. He stated that Hitler, in his time, blamed all German misfortune on Jews and managed to subjegate the whole German people to his will by his propaganda; that Wall Street blames all United States misfortunes on Communists and progressives; that McCARTHY plays a very important roll in the scheme of Wall Street.

The American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

San Francisco T-7, of known reliability, on October 26, 1953 advised that the subject attended the RAS, Inc. meeting on October 16, 1953, at which he led a discussion on Senator McCARTHY, his conclusion being he was leading the United States to Fascism.

San Francisco T-7 also advised that the subject attended a banquet at 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco on October 18, 1953 in honor of the 50th birthday of Mrs. OLGA LASTOCHKIN, the wife of EFIM LASTOCHKIN, Vice-President of the RAS, Inc. CALIF. MRS. EFIM LASTOCHKIN

San Francisco T-1, on November 3, 1953, furnished a mimeographed leaflet published by the RAS, Inc. and distributed to the Russian colony in San Francisco, which was composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS, a member of the Communist Party according to San Francisco T-1, and the subject. This leaflet was printed in the Russian language and contains favorable Soviet propaganda concerning the coming anniversary of the Soviet Revolution. CALIF.

CALIFORNIA LABOR SCHOOL ACTIVITY

San Francisco T-8, of known reliability, on September 22, 1953, advised that a Graphic Arts Work Shop meeting was held on September 16, 1953, which was attended by the subject.

The Graphic Arts Work Shop, according to San Francisco T-8, is affiliated with or a part of the California Labor School.

The California Labor School, Incorporated, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

San Francisco T-9, of known reliability, on September 17, 1953, advised that an "open-house party" was held at the California Labor School on September 13, 1953 to celebrate the opening of the fall term of the California Labor School, which was attended by the subject.

San Francisco T-9, on September 25, 1953, advised that the subject attended a lecture on "New China Builds" at the California Labor School on September 22, 1953.

MISCELLANEOUS

San Francisco T-10, of known reliability, advised that a meeting was held on November 1, 1953 in the afternoon at the home of HOLLAND ROBERTS, CALIF. President of theCalifornia Labor School, which was attended by the subject.

According to San Francisco T-10, FLORA ROBERTS, wife of HOLLAND ROBERTS, addressed the meeting and stated it was held as a benefit for the defense of ROBERTS' son-in-law, HENRY CLINTON ST. JOHN, who lost his job in Southern California as a result of the California Dilworth Law. She announced that ST. JOHN had never been a member of the Communist Party and was falsely charged under this law and that he intends to fight his dismissal through all the courts and to the supreme court if necessary. As funds were needed for his defense, the assemblage was asked to contribute generously.

San Francisco T-11, of known reliability, on August 13, 1953, reported that "VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, 1007 Washington Street, Colma 25, California" was a subscriber to the "Daily People's World" newspaper, being a charter member; his yearly subscription expiring January 1, 1954.

The California Committee on Un-American Activities 1948 Report, Page 354, reflects "The People's World is an official West Coast Communist paper."

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San Francisco T-12, of known reliability, on September 27, 1953, advised that the San Francisco Art Festival conducted an outdoor exhibit in Union Square, San Francisco, at which the Graphic Arts Work Shop exhibited art objects. San Francisco T-12 advised that the subject exhibited in the space allotted to the Graphic Arts Work Shop.

San Francisco T-13, of known reliability, on November 10, 1953, advised that the subject maintains a joint savings account with his wife bearing No. A 7155 at the Bank of America, National Trust and Savings Association, One Powell Street, San Francisco, which had on deposit a total of $229.26 as of June 30, 1953. San Francisco T-13 advised that this account appeared normal, no large amounts being deposited or withdrawn.

San Francisco T-13, on November 10, 1953, also reported that the subject maintained a commercial account bearing No. A 306 at the above bank, which account had on deposit a total of $224.93 as of November 9, 1953. San Francisco T-13 advised that this account appeared normal, no large amounts being deposited or withdrawn.

The above information cannot be made public except in the usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena.

Spot checks were conducted on October 21, 27 and 29, 1953, it being determined that the subject visited 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco on October 27, 1953, which is the address of the California Labor School and the RAS, Inc.

The California Labor School and the RAS, Inc. have been previously identified.

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Identity of Source	Date of Activity And/or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to whom Furnished	File Number where Located
SF T-1 is: [redacted]	CP Branch Eleven meeting 8/4/53	9/4/53	G.D. COAKLEY	[redacted]
	Employment, Stanford Univ.	10/6/53	"	100-6359-1038
FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	CP Branch Eleven meeting 9/2/53	10/6/53	"	[redacted]
	CP Branch Eleven meeting 10/8/53	10/26/53	"	
	CP Branch Eleven meeting 9/22/53	10/6/53	"	
	CP Branch Eleven meeting 10/27/53	11/3/53	"	
	RAS leaflet composed by subject & others	11/3/53	"	
	RAS meeting 10/30/53	11/3/53	"	
	RAS meeting 8/14/53	9/4/53	"	
	RAS meeting of Ex. Bd. 9/18/53	10/6/53	"	
	RAS meeting of Ex. Bd. 9/4/53	10/6/53	"	
	RAS meeting of Ex. Bd. 9/30/53	10/6/53	"	
	RAS meeting 10/16/53	10/6/53	"	

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SF T-2 is: [redacted]	Employment	10/8/53	R. H. NELSON	100-6359-1042
SF T-3 is: [redacted]	FOIA(b)(7) - (D) FOIA(b)(7) - (E)			
SF T-4 is: [redacted]	[redacted]	10/28/53	P. J. HOPKINS	105-1293-84
SF T-5 is: [redacted]	[redacted]	10/28/53	J. E. McHUGH	105-1293-84
SF T-6 is: [redacted]	[redacted]	10/28/53	S. F. FEWSTER	105-1293-84
SF T-7 is: [redacted]	RAS meeting, 9/11/53	9/21/53	H.D. GRUSH	[redacted]
	RAS meeting, 10/16/53	10/26/53	H. D. GRUSH	
FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	RAS banquet, 10/18/53.	10/26/53	H. D. GRUSH	
SF T-8 is: [redacted]	Attended Graphic Arts Work Shop meeting on 9/16/53	9/22/53	PAUL H. KELLERMEYER	[redacted]
SF T-9 is: [redacted]	Open-house party, CLS 9/13/53	9/17/53	W. J. HOY	[redacted]
	Lecture, "New China Builds" at CLS, 9/22/53	9/25/53	"	

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Identity of Source	Date of Activity And/or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to whom Furnished	File Number where Located
SF T-10 is: [redacted]	Meeting, 11/1/53 at home or HOLLAND ROBERTS	11/1/53	R.H. NELSON	100-6359-1072
SF T-11 is: JACK STAHL US Post Office Inspector, SF	DPW subscription expiration, 1/1/54	8/13/53		100-6359-1073
SF T-12 is: SAs E. A. BOGUSLAV, H. D. GRUSH & W. K. WELCH	Exhibited paintings at SF Art Festival in space allotted to Graphic Arts Shop	9/27/53		100-6359-1074
SF T-13 is: Mr. STEPHEN MUSANTE, Bank of America, 1 Powell St., SF	Commercial and savings account of subject	11/10/53		Instant report
SF T-14 is: [redacted] who requested his name be kept confidential	Professional Branch of CP	10/9/53	D. D. ROSEBERRY F. W. KUHLMAN	100-6359-1045

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THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Will report subject's activities as received from confidential informants and sources of information.

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REFERENCE

Report of SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER dated 9/29/53 at San Francisco.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Attention Mr. Nichols

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 12-8-53

FROM : SAC, San Francisco (100-6359)

SUBJECT: VICTOR ARNAUTOFF
~~Espionage - R~~
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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Trotter
Mr. Winterrowd
Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

Dr. STERLING of Stanford University called and advised that he could not see me on December 8, 1953 in reference to the above-entitled matter. He has told me that as soon as he can possibly get away from a series of meetings that has tied him up at the present time, he will get in touch with me.

As soon as I see Dr. STERLING, I will advise the Bureau.

G. I. R. -10

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ DATE: 12-15-53

FROM : SAC, San Francisco (100-6359)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, WAS
Internal Security - C

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Winterrowd
Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

On December 14, 1953 Dr. J. E. WALLACE STERLING called at this office. I talked to him and furnished him the information that I had been instructed to convey to him.

I carefully pointed out to Dr. STERLING that it must be thoroughly understood that the FBI is not to be quoted or mentioned in any way in reference to this information. Dr. STERLING assured me that he completely understood.

In addition to the information contained in the blank memorandum dated November 12, 1953, I advised Dr. STERLING that ARNAUTOFF was the First President of the Russian-American Society upon its formation in San Francisco in 1941, and that he continues to be active in it; that he is also active in the American-Russian Institute. I pointed out to him that he is known to have contacted a known Russian agent in 1949 and in 1952, and he was uncooperative upon the occasion of our interviewing him in January 1953 about this matter. I also pointed out that the Immigration and Naturalization Service are considering denaturalization proceedings against both VICTOR and LYDIA ARNAUTOFF.

ARNAUTOFF

G. I. R. -10

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: November 13, 1953

SECRET

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: DOCTOR HAROLD HENRY FISHER, ROBERT CARVER NORTH, MRS. MARY CLABAUGH WRIGHT, VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.

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Declassify on: OADR 3/8/89
#298,701

SYNOPSIS:

Reference is made to Mr. Nichols' memorandum to Mr. Tolson dated October 31, 1953, advising of his conversation with Doctor J. E. Wallace Sterling, President, Stanford University, in which Dr. Sterling expressed some concern about Fisher, North and Wright, all connected with Hoover Library at Stanford University, and particularly concerned about one Professor Arnatauf (since determined to be Victor Michael Arnautoff), of Stanford Art Department. Fisher is subject of closed Security Matter - C investigation, San Francisco origin, January to October, 1945. He is not known to have been a member of the Communist Party but has been affiliated with a number of cited organizations and been on friendly terms with Soviet Consulate staff in San Francisco and in contact with some prominent Communists. He was reported supporter of Institute of Pacific Relations (IPR) and Owen Lattimore, 1953. North was investigated under Voice of America program in May and June, 1951. During 1948 he was a member of 2 organizations cited by California Committee on Un-American Activities. In 1949 he advised State Department he had learned not to attempt to meet the Communists half way nor to try to work with them. No investigation has been conducted concerning Wright. She is reportedly a supporter of IPR, Owen Lattimore and Communist Asia, 1950-1953. Arnautoff, a naturalized American, is subject of pending security investigation at the San Francisco Office. He has been included on Security Index since 1941 and is presently considered a key figure. He has been active member of Communist Party from 1946 to the present; is currently and has been active in Russian American Society and American Russian Institute (both cited Executive Order 10450); [was a known contact of Russian espionage agent in 1949 and 1952;] was uncooperative on attempted interview on January 21, 1953. The Immigration and Naturalization Service is considering Arnautoff as a subject for denaturalization. Memoranda on Fisher and North, containing mostly public source information, were furnished to the Secretary of ex-President Hoover on March 11, 1952. File copies of these memoranda dated February 28 and February 26, 1952, respectively, are attached. Also attached are memoranda reflecting public source information on Wright and Arnautoff, as well as additional information on Fisher received subsequent to February, 1952. File review indicates that Bureau is

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1 - Internal Security (I. D. Haack)
100-47675 (Arnautoff) 100-179453 (Fisher) 123-9647 (North)

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Memo to Mr. Ladd
Re: Doctor Harold Henry Fisher, Robert Carver North, Mrs. Mary Clabaugh Wright, Victor Michael Arnautoff was.

in possession of all pertinent information contained in San Francisco Office files concerning captioned individuals.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this memorandum and attachments be forwarded to Mr. Nichols.

I recommend the contents of the blind memo on Arnautoff be orally furnished Dr. Sterling & he be advised in strictest of confidence that [Arnautoff has been contacted by ~~Novikov~~, a known espionage Agent who has now left the country,] & further that Dr. Sterling might want to contact I&NS. I suggest we further tell him confidentially that Arnautoff was uncooperative when we sought information from him in January, 1953. [S]

I agree

LBN 11-23-53

DETAILS:

Reference is made to Mr. Nichols' memorandum to Mr. Tolson dated October 31, 1953, advising of his conversation of October 30, 1953, with Dr. J. E. Wallace Sterling, President, Stanford University, Stanford, California. Dr. Sterling advised that it was his desire to prevent any Communist infiltration into the faculty and on to the campus of Stanford University. He specifically mentioned the following individuals who have been causing him some concern:

1. Harold Fisher, head of the Hoover Library, who, according to Dr. Sterling, had invited suspicion by his statements but would retire in about a year.

2. Robert C. North, also connected with the Hoover Library and an expert on the Far East who Dr. Sterling feels has now completely absolved himself by a recent book dealing with the rights of Communism in Red China, which book Dr. Sterling described as a devastating denunciation of Communism.

3. Mary Wright, also with the Hoover Library, whom Dr. Sterling characterized as an outstanding Oriental student but advised he had no specific information concerning her.

4. A Professor Arnatauf of the Art Department, about whom Dr. Sterling stated there was an indication that he might be a courier and inquired as to whether the FBI was conducting an investigation on him.

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Memo to Mr. Ladd
Re: Doctor Harold Henry Fisher, Robert Carver North, Mrs. Mary Clabaugh Wright, Victor Michael Arnautoff was.

Through a check of the Bureau indices, it was determined that the individuals listed above are identical with Dr. Harold Henry Fisher, Robert Carver North, Mrs. Mary Clabaugh Wright and Victor Michael Arnautoff. Brief summaries concerning each of these individuals are set forth.

It is noted that on page 4 of the memorandum of reference it was suggested that the San Francisco office should check its files for any information on Professor Arnatauf. Inasmuch as the San Francisco office is presently conducting a security-type investigation concerning Professor Victor Michael Arnautoff, it appears that the San Francisco office has already submitted all pertinent information concerning him to the Bureau. File reviews concerning Fisher, North and Wright also indicated that the Bureau is in possession of all pertinent information contained in the San Francisco office files concerning these individuals.

DR. HAROLD HENRY FISHER

Fisher was born in Morristown, Vermont, on February 15, 1890. He has been associated since 1924 with the Hoover War Library at Stanford University and has been Chairman of it since 1944. He has been the author and co-author of several books relating to Russian history and living conditions. During 1945 Fisher was one of Commander Harold Stassen's assistants during the San Francisco Conference of United Nations. At that time Stassen was furnished a brief memorandum on him.

Fisher is the subject of closed Security Matter - C investigation which was opened in January, 1945, on the basis of information that Fisher was at that time a member of the Board of Directors in the American Russian Institute, San Francisco, California, and a sponsor of the American Youth for Democracy (Both cited Executive Order 10450). A closing report was submitted by the San Francisco Office on October 25, 1945.

A memorandum of September 15, 1951, summarizing more than 200 references to Fisher in Bureau files reflected no information that Fisher was or ever had been a member of the Communist Party. This memorandum did reflect that Fisher is known to have been affiliated with four organizations cited as Communist by the Attorney General, three organizations cited

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by the House Committee on Un-American Activities and one organization cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities. In addition to these affiliations Fisher is known to have been on friendly terms with members of the Soviet Consulate Staff in San Francisco and to have been in contact with prominent Communists in the San Francisco area over the past years. In particular Fisher had been a member of the Board of Directors and active in the American Russian Institute since 1932. A subsequent reference dated June 18, 1953, indicated that he resigned as a member of the Board of Directors of ARI on November 17, 1947. (100-179453-13, 16; 100-400471-2 page 62; [redacted]) (X) U

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In addition a reliable informant reported that Fisher was one of 25 American delegates who attended a conference on Japanese American Relations in Honolulu, TH, from January 17 to 20, 1953, which conference was sponsored by the IPR in Hawaii in cooperation with the IPR of Japan and was closed to the public. During one of the conferences Fisher reportedly stated that "It is possible to be a Marxist and an anti-Communist at the same time. Oriental political thought developed in the 19th century when Marxism was in vogue. Humanitarianism is regarded as a way of getting out of economic difficulties." ([redacted]; 100-64700-1126 page 3, 83).

There is attached a file copy of a memorandum dated February 28, 1952, which was furnished to Lawrence Richey, Secretary of ex-President Hoover, on March 11, 1952. This memorandum includes public source information, with the exception of the following: Fisher made four speeches at the American Russian Institute meetings, which were apparently open to the public, but were reported by informants; Fisher spoke before two meetings of the Friends of the Soviet Union, which were apparently open to the public, but were reported by informants; Fisher's name was listed as a sponsor for American Youth for Democracy which was reported by an informant. The information concerning Fisher's signature on a statement sponsored by the Committee for Conserted Peace Efforts was furnished by a confidential source.

Additional information received since February, 1952, is set forth in the attached memorandum dated November 12, 1953. This memorandum includes information from a reliable informant that Fisher resigned from the Board of Directors of the American Russian Institute and public source information concerning his participation in the IPR, his support of the Lattimore Defense Fund and miscellaneous public statements made by him.

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Memo to Mr. Ladd
Re: Doctor Harold Henry Fisher, Robert Carver North, Mrs. Mary Clabaugh Wright, Victor Michael Arnautoff was.

ROBERT CARVER NORTH

North was investigated by the Bureau under the Voice of America program in May and June, 1951. At the conclusion of the investigation, copies of the investigative reports were furnished to the Department of State on June 14, 1951. There is attached a file copy of a memorandum on North dated February 26, 1952, which was furnished to Mr. Lawrence Richey, Secretary to ex-President Hoover on March 11, 1952.

This memorandum includes public source information, with the exception of a lengthy statement by North, which is contained in the files of the State Department, wherein North admitted his membership in the Progressive Citizens of America and the Independent Progressive Party, explained his activities and connections with those organizations and declared that he had learned his lesson not to attempt to meet the Communists half way nor to try to work with them. This statement also set forth North's political philosophy and was incorporated in the public source memorandum to give a more complete picture of North's attitude toward Communism. The attached memorandum also includes information concerning North's membership in the Progressive Citizens of America and the Independent Progressive Party in 1948; articles appearing in the "Far Eastern Survey" during 1949 and 1950; and his attendance at a conference of the IPR held in Lucknow, India, from October 3 to 14, 1950. A review of file references on North received subsequent to March, 1952, reveals that North was listed as a book reviewer in the February 13, 1953, issue of "Far Eastern Survey" and the March, 1952, issue of "Pacific Affairs," both of which are published by the IPR. (100-64700-1146, 1152; 123-9647-20).

MARY C. WRIGHT nee CLABAUGH -Summary
aka MRS. ARTHUR FREDERICK WRIGHT

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No investigation has been conducted concerning Mary C. Wright, Assistant Professor, Hoover Institute and Library and Curator Chinese and South Asian Collections, Stanford University, Stanford, California.

Ben Mandel, then of the McCarran Committee, advised

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on August 18, 1952, that Owen Lattimore was at that time the guest of the Wrights in Palo Alto, California. A security informant of the San Francisco office advised in January, 1953, he considered Wright a "leftist" inasmuch as she continually spoke in favor of the Chinese Communist cause, violently defended Chinese Communists, and advocated United States recognition of Mao Tse-tung, Chinese Communist leader. (123-5401-12)

On March 27, 1953, Mrs. Wright contributed $10 to the Lattimore Defense Fund (100-400471-2).

Alfred M. Kohlberg, Chairman, American Jewish League Against Communism, advised in July, 1953, that in his opinion Wright is either a Communist Party member or a strong Communist sympathizer. (77-58960-48)

Attached is a memorandum suitable for dissemination reflecting public source information regarding Wright's support of Owen Lattimore, Institute of Pacific Relations, and Communist China.

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF was.
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ARNAOOTOV, VICTOR MICHAIL ARNAUTOFF

Arnautoff is the subject of a pending security investigation in the San Francisco office. He has been included in the Security Index since 1941 and is presently considered a key figure. He was the first President of the Russian American Society (cited Executive Order 10450) when it was formed in San Francisco in 1941 and has continued to be active in that organization at the present time. He is active in the American Russian Institute (cited Executive Order 10450) at present. He has been an active member of the Communist Party from 1946 to the present. His wife, Lydia, is also included in the Security Index. [Arnautoff is known to have contacted Yuri V. Novikov, Russian espionage agent, in 1949 and 1952.] He was uncooperative on attempted interview on January 21, 1953. The Immigration and Naturalization Service is considering the subject for denaturalization and has been furnished with pertinent reports. Arnautoff was born November 11, 1896, in Marinpol, Russia, and naturalized at San Francisco on August 2, 1939. There is attached a memorandum reflecting available public source information on Arnautoff.

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November 12, 1953

Re: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF - summary
also known as
Victor Mikhail Arnautoff
Victor Michail Arnautoff
Victor Arnaootov

The March, 1953, telephone directory of San Francisco, California, reflects that Victor M. Arnautoff resides at 1077 Washington Street, Colma, California. The "Daily People's World," in its issue of April 14, 1938, stated that Mrs. Victor Arnautoff was the daughter of a retired military aide of the Russian Embassy in China. The article said she met and married her husband in China while he was supervising the Manchurian Cavalry at the summons of Chang Tso Lin, a Manchurian war lord. The article stated that Mrs. Arnautoff resides at 547 37th Avenue, San Francisco, and is employed as secretary of the technical staff of the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission in the United States. (100-47675-108) (100-47675 Serial 9)

The "Daily People's World" has been cited by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities on March 29, 1944, as "the official organ of the Communist Party on the West Coast."

The "Daily People's World" issue dated February 24, 1945, contained an article publicizing the fact that Arnautoff's paintings were being exhibited at the San Francisco Museum of Art from February 23 through March 18, 1945. The article described Arnautoff as a former teacher at the California School of Fine Arts and a present Assistant Professor of Art instructing classes in life drawing, painting, and mediums and techniques at Stanford University, Palo Alto, California. (100-47675 serial 17)

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The "Novaya Zarya," a San Francisco Russian language newspaper, in an article appearing on September 9, 1947, announced that on Saturday, September 6, 1947, the Russian-American Society held a reception to celebrate the eight hundredth anniversary of Moscow. The reception was held in honor of the Consul General of the USSR in San Francisco, Constantin Efremov, and the Consulate personnel. Present at the reception were the Soviet Consul General Constantin Efremov, Vice Consul V. V. Afanasiev, V. I. Khrameev and his wife, and other Consulate workers. The honored guest at the reception was S. R. Striganov, First Secretary at the Soviet Embassy in Washington. The article stated that V. M. Arnautoff, Chairman of the Russian-American Society, greeted the guests. The exhibits at the reception were pictures and articles depicting life in Moscow. According to the article, the guests were also shown pictures of life in old Moscow and pictures of the Russian Revolution. (100-47675 Serial 34)

The American-Russian Society, Incorporated, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. (100-47675 Serial 39)

The "Daily People's World" of July 1, 1948, carried an article captioned "Arnautoff Highlights Exhibit." The article dealt with an art exhibit held at the California Labor School, and according to the article, the show highlighted twenty wood engravings by Arnautoff.

The California Labor School has been cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily People's World" issue dated May 31, 1949, contained an article entitled "Around the Galleries" by Victor Arnautoff. The article is of a general informative nature and is concerned with the art show being exhibited at the Palace of the Legion of Honor. (100-47675 Serial 46)

The "Daily People's World" issue dated June 17, 1949, contained the announcement that on June 25, 1949, an art sale would be held by Victor Arnautoff at his studio,

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730 Montgomery Street, San Francisco. This announcement indicates that the proceeds of the sale would go to the "Daily People's World" newspaper. The June 22, 1949, issue of the "Daily People's World" also carried an announcement concerning Arnautoff's art sale to be held on June 25, 1949. (100-47675 Serial 46)

The "Novaya Zarya" issue dated September 8, 1949, contains an article reflecting that artists Victor M. Arnautoff and his wife, Lydia, were among the delegates from San Francisco attending the American Continental Congress for Peace which opened in Mexico City on September 5, 1949. (100-47675 Serial 52)

The American Continental Congress for Peace has been cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report Number 378, as "another phase in the Communist 'peace' campaign aimed at consolidating anti-American forces throughout the Western Hemisphere."

The "Daily People's World" issue dated September 29, 1949, contained an article advertising a meeting to be held on October 1, 1949, at the Russian-American Society Hall, 321 Divisidero Street. According to the article, Victor and Lydia Arnautoff, delegates to the Peace Congress in Mexico City, would be the principal speakers. (100-47675 Serial 52)

The "San Francisco Chronicle," a San Francisco daily newspaper, issue dated November 17, 1949, contained a letter in the "Letters to the Editor" Section written by L. Arnautoff, Colma, California. Arnautoff recalled that Mr. Vishinsky recently stated that if the atomic war comes, the Soviet Union will have the bombs needed - - no less and no more. The article pointed out that Russia is now applying atomic energy to peaceful construction by changing the course of rivers in order to irrigate seventy-five million acres of land. Arnautoff then criticized the officials of the United States Government for not announcing to what extent, if any, the United States had come to applying atomic energy for peaceful means. (100-47675 Serial 58)

The "Daily People's World" issue dated July 23, 1953, contains an article entitled "Book Burning Topic of Dialectics Class." The article reflects that book burnings, attacks on the Refrigier murals, and planned destruction of public school and college programs will illustrate some of

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the laws of contradiction in the class of dialectics to be held at the California Labor School on the following Thursday evening. The article said that Victor Arnautoff, leading United States artist, will tell how Anton Refrigier was chosen by a national art committee and offices of the Federal Government to paint his noted murals in the Rincon Annex of the San Francisco Post Office.

(100-47675 serial 114)

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November 12, 1953

MARY C. WRIGHT
nee CLABAUGH
also known as MRS. ARTHUR FREDERICK WRIGHT

The 1952-1953 directory of Stanford University, reflects that Mrs. Mary Clabaugh Wright is an Assistant Professor in the Hoover Institute and Library and Curator of Chinese and South Asian Collections. She resides at 895 West Fremont, Los Altos, California.

The April 6, 1950, issue of the "Baltimore News Post," Baltimore, Maryland, newspaper, contained an article captioned "Maryland Educators Support Lattimore's Americanism" in which Mary C. Wright, Stanford University, is quoted as stating concerning Owen Lattimore: "This completely unfounded and unwarranted attack on him is itself a grave threat on American liberty."

Among exhibits presented by Owen Lattimore before the Subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Washington, D. C., on April 6, 1950, were excerpts of letters written in his behalf by persons named as outstanding scholars and experts on Far Eastern history and politics. Among them was a letter from Mary C. Wright (Mrs. A. F. Wright), Hoover Institute and Library, Stanford University, California.

A booklet entitled "Lattimore the Scholar," which was distributed in February, 1953, requesting contributions, contained a letter from Mrs. Wright attesting to Lattimore's competence. The booklet indicated that contributions received exceeding the cost of publishing the booklet would be turned over to the Lattimore Defense Fund.

In October, 1951, the Institute of Pacific Relations (IPR) published a mimeographed booklet entitled "Testimonials in Support of the Institute of Pacific Relations" which contained letters or excerpts of letters from individuals, including Mary C. Wright, Hoover Institute and Library, Stanford University.

An indictment was returned on December 16, 1952, by a Federal Grand Jury, District of Columbia, which charged Owen Lattimore with seven counts of perjury in that he lied when he testified before the United States Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security of the Committee on the Judiciary on or about July 13, 1951, and February 28, 1952.

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ENCLOSU...

The IPR was founded in 1925 in Hawaii as an organization engaged in research on the economic, political, and social aspects of countries bordering on the Pacific Ocean. As a result of documentary evidence and testimony from witnesses who appeared during 1951 and 1952 before the Subcommittee on Internal Security of the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary, this Committee concluded in its report dated July 2, 1952, that while most members of the IPR (Including the American Council of the IPR, succeeded by the American Institute of Pacific Relations, Inc.) and its Board of Trustees were inactive and without any influence over the policies of the organization, and while the names of eminent individuals were by design used as a responsible and impressive screen for the activities of the IPR inner core, the activities, administration and policies of the IPR were controlled by a small core of Communists or pro-Communist personnel; that the IPR was considered by the American CP and by Soviet officials as an instrument of Soviet policy, propaganda and military intelligence; that the IPR was used as a channel for Communist and Soviet propaganda and its leadership used IPR prestige to promote the interests of the Soviet Union; that the IPR had for its chief function the influencing of US public opinion and was a vehicle used by the Communists to orientate American Far Eastern policies; and that persons associated with the IPR were instrumental in keeping US policy on a course favorable to Communist objectives in China.

The October 19, 1950, issue of the "Palo Alto Times," Palo Alto, California, newspaper, contained an article entitled " 'China And Its Foreign Relations' To Be Topic Of Forum In Palo Alto." The article reflected that this was the fifth in a series of public forums presented by the Palo Alto Coordinating Committee for Peace Education and was to be held the following Tuesday at the Palo Alto Community Center. The article also reflected that one of the four forum speakers was Mary C. Wright, Curator of the Hoover Library Chinese Collections. A second speaker was identified as David Sarvis, a lecturer for the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy, which has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The October 26, 1950, issue of the above newspaper contained an article entitled "Seat Red China In United Nations Say Four Peace Committee Speakers." The article reflected that the speakers, one of whom was Mary C. Wright, agreed during the public forum on China sponsored by the Palo Alto Coordinating Committee for Peace Education the previous Tuesday night, that the United States should recognize Communist China and its right to the Chinese seat in the United Nations. The article quoted Mrs. Wright in part as follows: "The Chinese revolution has been a tremendous experience to the countries of Southeast Asia, who look upon the passing of imperialism in their northern neighbor with approval. This is particularly true because China's neighbors have felt imperialism more directly than China, she continued.

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"She added that to the non-Communist countries of Southeast Asia, it is the United States and not Soviet Russia that appears as the major threat to their independence."

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VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, with aliases
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Attached for your information and the completion of your files is a Photostat of a memorandum containing information reportedly contained in the public records, files and publications of the Committee on Un-American Activities, US House of Representatives (HCUA) concerning the captioned individual. You will note that the information was evidently compiled for Senator William E. Jenner, Chairman, Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security. The inclusion of this information in HCUA files has not been verified by this Bureau.

A comparison of the information contained in the attached Photostat with subject's main file at the Seat of Government reflects that the Bureau is already in possession of the same or substantially the same information. However, Arnautoff's main file does not reflect each individual item as set forth in the HCUA memorandum. You should include the information contained in the attachment in the next report prepared by your Office in this case.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: February 3, 1954

FROM : MR. V. P. KEAY

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.
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The attached memorandum containing information concerning captioned individual was furnished to the Bureau on January 11, 1954, by former Inspector Lee Pennington, presently Director, National Americanism Commission of the American Legion. Pennington advised he had obtained same from Dick Arens, Senate Subcommittee on Immigration of the Committee on the Judiciary. It is noted that the attached memorandum contains information which, according to the House Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, is contained in the public records, files and publications of that Committee. This information was evidently prepared for Senator William E. Jenner, Chairman, Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security.

It is further noted that subject's name appeared in the October 1, 1953, issue of the "Daily Worker," east coast Communist newspaper, as one of 99 "notables" who were reported in that particular issue as sponsors of a National Conference to Repeal the McCarran - Walter Law. The conference was scheduled for December 12 and 13, 1953, Walsh's Hall, 1014 North Noble Street, Chicago, Illinois, under the auspices of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. This organization has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Captioned individual is (~~is not~~) the subject of a pending (~~closed~~) Internal Security - C investigation. Subject is (~~is not~~) listed on the Security Index. San Francisco is the Office of Origin in this case.

OBSERVATIONS:

A comparison of the information contained in the attached memorandum with information in Arnautoff's main file reflects that the Bureau is already in possession of the same or substantially the same information. It is not thought that further investigation is necessary based on the information contained in the attachment. However, since Arnautoff's main file does not contain identical

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references with some of that in the HCUA memorandum, a Photostat of same is being forwarded to the office of origin for inclusion in the next report.

ACTION:

If you approve, the attached letter will be forwarded to San Francisco.

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INFORMATION FROM THE FILES OF THE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DATE: Oct. 15, 1953

FOR: Hon. Wm. E. Jenner

SUBJECT: Victor N. Arnautoff

The public records, files and publications of this Committee contain the following information concerning Victor N. Arnautoff. This report should not be construed as representing the results of an investigation by or findings of this Committee and it should be noted that the subject individual is not necessarily a Communist, a Communist sympathizer, or a fellow-traveler, unless otherwise indicated.

According to the "Daily Worker," December 10, 1952 (p. 4), Dr. Victor Arnautoff signed an appeal to President Truman requesting amnesty for the leaders of the Communist Party convicted under the Smith Act.

A photostatic copy of an undated letterhead of the 20th Anniversary National Conference of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, U. E. Hall, Chicago, Illinois, December 8-9, 1951, listed Victor Arnautoff as a sponsor of that organization. He signed a statement of the American Committee. . . against denaturalization as shown by the August 10, 1950 issue of the "Daily Worker" (p. 5). The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born was cited as subversive and Communist by the U. S. Attorney General in letters furnished the Loyalty Review Board and released to the press by the U. S. Civil Service Commission June 1 and September 21, 1948. The Special Committee on Un-American Activities, in its report of March 29, 1944 (p. 155), cited the American Committee. . . as "one of the oldest auxiliaries of the Communist Party in the United States."

Victor Arnautoff, artist, San Francisco, was a delegate to the American Continental Congress for World Peace as reported by the September 21, 1949 issue of the "Daily People's World" (p. 5). According to the September 16, 1949 issue of the Daily People's World (p. 2), Victor Arnautoff spoke at the American Continental Congress for Peace; his speech was reprinted in the October 6, 1949 issue of the newspaper (p. 5). The Committee on Un-American Activities, in its report on the Communist "Peace" Offensive, April 1, 1951 (p. 21), cited the American Continental Congress for Peace as "another phase in the Communist 'peace' campaign, aimed at consolidating anti-American forces throughout the Western Hemisphere."

A pamphlet, "We Can Keep Peace" (p. 3), published by the American Russian Institute of San Francisco, 1950, listed Victor Arnautoff as a San Francisco sponsor of the Committee to Welcome the Dean of Canterbury. According to the "New York Times" of September 21, 1948 (p. 5), the Committee to Welcome the Dean of Canterbury was formed in 1948 when the State Department refused to grant a visa to Hewlett Johnson, Dean of Canterbury, because his proposed visit to the United States was sponsored by the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, an organization on the Attorney General's list.

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The American Russian Institute of San Francisco was cited as a Communist organization by the Attorney General in a letter released September 21, 1948.

The Attorney General cited the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship as subversive and Communist in letters released December 4, 1947 and September 21, 1948. The Special Committee. . ., in its report of March 29, 1944 (p. 156), cited the National Council . . . as follows: "In recent months, the Communist Party's principal front for all things Russian has been known as the National Council for American-Soviet Friendship."

Victor Arnautoff was a member of the faculty or a lecturer at the California Labor School as shown by the Spring 1947 Catalog of the school (p. 44), in which he was identified as a painter; Assistant professor, Stanford University, Graphic Arts Dept.; instructor, California School of Fine Arts; painted murals in San Francisco, the Bay Area and Texas. He was listed also as a member of the faculty of the school in the Yearbook and Catalogue, "California Labor School," 1948 (pp. 25, 36), and in the testimony of Walter S. Steele, public hearings, Committee on Un-American Activities, July 21, 1947, (p. 54). According to the "Daily People's World" of November 7, 1947 (p. 5), Victor Arnautauff was a judge at an Art Carnival given by the California Labor School. His engravings were exhibited by the California Labor School as reported by the June 22, 1948 issue of the "Daily People's World" (p. 5). On June 10, 1952 the "Daily People's World (p. 7), reported that Victor Arnautoff would discuss realism in Russian and Soviet art at the California Labor School on June 11. The Attorney General cited the California Labor School as a subversive and Communist organization at 216 Market Street, San Francisco, California, in letters released June 1 and September 21, 1948.

The "Daily People's World" of February 10, 1948 (p. 3) listed Victor Arnautoff as having signed a letter to the President, released under auspices of the Civil Rights Congress, protesting the deportation of Communists.

The Attorney General cited the Civil Rights Congress as subversive and Communist in letters released December 4, 1947 and September 21, 1948. The Congressional Committee. . ., in its report of September 2, 1947 (pp. 2 and 19), cited the Civil Rights Congress as an organization formed in April 1946 as a merger of two other Communist-front organizations (International Labor Defense and the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties); "dedicated not to the broader issues of civil liberties, but specifically to the defense of individual Communists and the Communist Party" and "controlled by individuals who are either members of the Communist Party or openly loyal to it."

Art criticisms by Victor Arnautoff are found in the "Daily People's World" of April 19, 1948 (p. 5) and September 17, 1948 (p. 5). The "Daily People's World" was cited as "the official organ of the Communist Party on the west coast" by the Special Committee. . ., report, March 29, 1944 (p. 95).

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.	INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Subject resides 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, and teaching art at Stanford University. Continues to attend "Branch 11 of the CP" and "RAS, Inc." meetings. Subject, wife, and son, YAKOV VICTOROVICH ARNAUTOFF applied for USSR Citizenship Application forwarded 12/15/47. Attended "CLS" Meetings and "Graphic Arts Workshop" meetings in October and November 1953. Was artist for Christmas Card issued by "the" Northern California Peace Council." Commercial bank account set out and associates identified.

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Posted 3/1/54 HDS

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DETAILS: AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

The January 1954 street-telephone Directory reflects that VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF resides at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California.

San Francisco T-1, of known reliability, on January 5, 1954 advised that the subject was returning to Stanford University from a leave of absence and was to continue teaching art.

COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) ACTIVITIES

SF T-1 has advised that the subject continues to be active in "Branch 11 of the CP" having attended meetings of this branch in November and December 1953.

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RUSSIAN-AMERICAN SOCIETY, INC. (RAS INC) Russia

SF T-1 has advised that the subject continues to be active in the "RAS INC." having attending meetings of this organization in November and December 1953.

The "RAS INC." has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

San Francisco T-3, of known reliability, on November 16, 1953 advised that the subject acted as Chairman of the "RAS" sponsored banquet on November 7, 1953 celebrating the 36th anniversary of the Soviet Union and the 20th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and the USSR, at 321 Divisidero Street, San Francisco, California. The subject at this banquet stated the "RAS" purpose is to further the relations of the Soviet Union and the United States and that peace of the world depends upon the relation of these two countries.

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He stated war mongers are trying to bring the United States to make war on the Soviet Union but that people of the Soviet Union do not want war. He claimed that the Soviet Union established eternal peace uniting the various peoples and nations of the former Russian Empire and that they are only interested in establishing peace throughout the world. He claimed that they are only interested in building their economy for the well being of the world.

SF T-1 on November 25, 1953 advised that members of the "RAS INC." including the subject prepared a November issue of the RAS Bulletin "Fore Peace," for mailing.

SF T-1 on November 25, 1953 advised that the "RAS" banquet on November 7, 1953 honoring the 36th anniversary of the Soviet Union and the 20th anniversary of the diplomatic relations of the USSR and the United States of America was a success and that the subject acted as the Chairman.

San Francisco T-4, of known reliability, on November 8, 1953 reported that the subject acted as Chairman of the RAS celebration held on November 7, 1953 at 321 Divisidero Street, San Francisco, California.

"The Daily People's World", January 15, 1954 issue, Page 2, Column 2, contains an article captioned "Children's Art of USSR On Exhibit" which reflects that the subject, a Bay Area artist, would comment at the opening of an exhibition on Soviet paintings and drawings at 7:30PM, Sunday (1/17/54), at 321 Divisidero Street, San Francisco.

The article further reflects that the exhibition "was shown as a major attraction abroad and represented a number of prize winning works."

The California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report 1948, Page 364, reflects that the "Daily Peoples' World" is a West Coast Communist paper."

CALIFORNIA LABOR SCHOOL (CLS) ACTIVITIES

SF T-3 on September 30, 1953 advised that the subject with approximately one hundred others attended a "get acquainted with the faculty meeting" at the CLS on Sunday Night, September 13, 1953.

The CLS has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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San Francisco T-5, of known reliability, on October 27, 1953 advised that the subject attended a lecture at the CLS on October 25, 1953 at which JOHN HOWARD LAWSON lectured on the rights of the American working class. MR. LAWSON spoke on a wide variety of topics connected with labor history ranging from slavery to law braking taking a very critical attitude towards this countries handling of labor problems from the earliest days until the present time.

San Francisco T-6, of known reliability, on November 2, 1953 advised that the subject attended a "Graphic Arts Workshop meeting" on December 21, 1953, 141 Valencia Street, San Francisco.

SF T-6 on December 1, 1953 furnished an announcement of a lithography class scheduled for November 12, 1953 at 141 Valencia Street, San Francisco. The subject was listed as an instructor.

SF T-6 on December 1, 1953 advised that the subject attended a Graphic Arts Workshop"meeting held on November 25, 1953 to discuss the Christmas Market operated yearly by the CLS at which time the subject discussed arts.

The"Graphic Arts Workshop"according to SF T-6 is affiliated with or a part of the CLS.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA PEACE COUNCIL ACTIVITY

San Francisco T-7, of known reliability, on December 10, 1953 furnished a copy of the "Peace News" dated November 27, 1953 issued by "the Northern California Peace Council", 235 Market Street, San Francisco, California. The above issue reflects the Peace Council was launching a big Christmas "Peace by Negotiation Drive", the campaign to take the form of a beautiful card directed to President EISENHOWER.

The article reflects that "last year a similar card drawn by the same artist, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, was a tremendous success."

San Francisco T-8, of known reliability, in September 1952 reported that the Northern California Peace Council"was Communist dominated.

San Francisco T-9, of known reliability, on January 5, 1954 advised that the "Peace Council" planned a reception for the subject who painted "Peace for the Children of the World" last Christmas. The reception was to be held February 20, 1954 at 570 El Camino Del Mar, San Francisco.

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SF T-9 stated that the subject had been interviewed by a representative of the "Daily Peoples' World" newspaper, the story to be included in a future issue of that publication.

San Francisco T-29, of known reliability, on July 25, 1952 advised that the "Northern California Peace Council" is an "off shoot of the CP activities in CP USA, 13th District and has as its primary objective the agitation of 'all peace proposals' set forth by the CP.

MISCELLANEOUS AND CONTACTS

SF T-5 advised that the subject attended a New Years Party at 321 Divisidero Street, San Francisco, on December 31, 1953 at which he acted as a co-host.

San Francisco T-10, of known reliability, on December 21, 1954 reported that the subject maintained a commercial account, No. A306, at the Bank of America, 1 Powell Street, San Francisco, which had on deposit a total of $116.16 as of December 28, 1953 and a balance of $78.42 on January 19, 1954. On January 4, 1954 the subject deposited a check in the amount of $253.45, which according to SF T-10, was drawn on 90-278 which he identified as the American Trust Company, Palo Alto, California. A number of checks were written by the subjedt, among which were the following:

DATE:	AMOUNT PAYABLE TO:	ENDORSEMENT:
12/31/53	$10.00 cash	"RAS, INC." 321 Divisidero St., San Francisco, Calif.
1/2/54	$6.00 P.W.	P.W. Pacific Foundation Inc.
1/11/54	$3.00 America Civil Liberties Union	American Civil Liberties Union

The above information can not be made public accept in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena.

San Francisco T-11, of known reliability, advised that the following individuals or telephone numbers are maintained by the subject.

MR. ARMEN ~~ADAMS~~, President Calif
Armenian National Council
454 Balboa Street, San Francisco

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MR. EDWARD BARLOW
CIO Council
150 Golden Gate Avenue

MR. & MRS. S. BOONE
13 Dakota, San Francisco
(Russian IWO)

P.A. ERIKSIN
663 Fairview Street
Oakland, California

MR. WILLIAM JEREMAR
343 Walnut Street
(Hungarian IWO)

MRS. MINNIE JOHNSON
48 Prosper
San Francisco, California
(Finnish IWO)

MRS. ELEANOR KAHN
IPP, California
802 Montgomary Street
San Francisco

MRS. SONIA KARASS
Baltic States Cultural Committee
1229 Sandelin
San Leandro, California

MR. TED LATVALA or LITVALE
Finnish Club
1819 10th Street
Berkeley, California

BERALEGRE
notifying change of address
from 872 Sutter Street, San Francisco to
2336 Bancroft Way
Berkeley, California

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MR. RICHARD LYNDEN
Warehouse Union, Local 6
225 9th Street
San Francisco, California

ANTON REFREGIER
Woodland, New York

MR. SAM DICKEY
777 6th Avenue
(Jewish-American IWO)

MARGARET REICH
1232 Floribunda Avenue
Burlingame, California

MR. & MRS. ANDREW E. ROBERTSON
Received announcement of birth of
PAMELA JEAN, born on June 7, 1953

MR. & MRS. A. ROBERTSON
334 Ferndale Avenue
South San Francisco, California

MR. A. ROSETTI
2235 Chestnut
(Italian IWO)

MRS. E. SAMIT
Lettish Society of San Francisco
49 Ord Court

MR. GABRIEL SUNSHINE, President
Jewish Committee
3434 Geary Street

JOHN VOICH
VA 4-8662

The following telephone numbers are maintained by the subject, the individuals receiving services being identified by San Francisco T-30, of known reliability.

WE 1-2374, SARAH

MRS. SARA DICHERMES
1270 Grove Street
Apartment 304
San Francisco, California

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DO 2-4316 — Artists Equity Society
29 Alta Street
San Francisco, California

HE 1-4982 — GEORGE BRATOFF
555 Clayton Street, Apt. 1
San Francisco

MA 1-1658 — MRS. ANNA LIDEN
760 14th St., Apartment 9
San Francisco, California

SK 1-3103 — ANDREW ROBERTSON
166 4th Avenue
San Francisco, California

JU 8-4829 — SANDER Real Estate Company
217 El Camino
San Bruno, California

EM 6-8358
Barkers, 2339 Harding
Redwood City, California

STAVLEYS
LA 4-5053

NORDQUIST (apparently an old telephone number as current numbers contain five digets)
BA 5551

MR. & MRS. V. TRESKTERSKO
104 W 64th Street
New York 23, New York

The following is an identification of the above individuals:

ARMEN JACOB ADAMS

ARMEN JACOB ADAMS in interview on November 5, 1952 advised that he had been connected with Armenian affairs for many years working toward unification of Armenia and the sending of relief packages. He advised that he had associated with several Soviet Officials but only as a representative of Armenian groups.

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EDWARD BOYD BARLOW

San Francisco T-12, of known reliability, on August 10, 1952 advised that EDWARD BOYD BARLOW was a member of the Elmhurst Club of the CP, Oakland, California.

The CP has been previously identified.

ESTHER SCHWARTZ BOONE

San Francisco T-13, of known reliability, advised in April 1944 that ESTHER SCHWARTZ BOONE was an ex-school teacher and a translator employed by the Russian Consulate in San Francisco.

SERGIUS BOONE

San Francisco T-14, of known reliability, advised that SERGIUS BOONE in 1949 was the Secretary of the International Workers' Order (IWO), Lodge 3202, Russian Nationality in San Francisco.

The IWO has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

SF T-1 has advised that SERGIUS BOONE had been a member of the "RAS" and quit in about 1948.

The "RAS" has previously been identified.

San Francisco T-15, of known reliability, advised that SERGIUS BOONE was the Dues Director of the Potrero Club of the CP, San Francisco, in October 1945 and active in the affairs of that club in 1946 and 1947.

MRS. P. ERIKSIN

SF T-1 on August 11, 1949 advised that MRS. P. ERIKSIN, 1368 15th Street, Oakland, California, was a member of the RAS in 1949 and 1950.

MINNIE JOHNSON

San Francisco T-16, of known reliability on December 12, 1953 furnished the November 1953 issue of the pamphlet entitled "Between Ourselves--JACK LONDON Club, Volumne 7, Number 8, Berkeley, California." The JACK LONDON Club is identified as the Finnish Branch of the IWO in Berkeley, California.

The above issue reflects that the annual meeting of the California Finnish-American Cultural Committee was held at the Finnish Hall in Berkeley on October 11, (1953). "MINNIE JONNSON" reported that California had gone over the top on a quota that they were raising.

ELINOR RUTH KAHN Calif

San Francisco T-17, of known reliability, advised that the bylaws of the Independent Progressive Party (IPP) adopted August 8, 1948 by the State Central Committee, IPP, 802 Montgomary Street, San Francisco 11, California, reflected that ELINOR KAHN occupied the position of State Director of the IPP of California. Calif

The California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report 1948, Page 41 and 62, reflects that the "IPP is among typical mass organizations that are victims of Communist domination."

SONIA KARASS

The "Daily Peoples' World" newspaper on June 8, 1949 reflects in an article captioned "Women's Rally for Peace scheduled for Friday" that "speakers representing a cross section of women belonging to organizations have been arranged. One of the listed speakers was "SONIA KARASS of the CIO Textile Workers' Union" which rally was listed as "under the auspices of the Slavic American-Women for Peace." The article reflects that the Slavic American Women for Peace's Chairman was LYDIA ARNAUTOF." Calif

THEODORE NELS LATVALA Calif

San Francisco T-18, of known reliability, advised in December 1944 that THEODORE NELS LATVALA was a member of the Bloor Branch of the CPA of Alameda County.

The CPA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

San Francisco T-19, of known reliability, on June 5, 1951 advised that TED LATVALA in May 1951 was a paid organizer of the IWO.

BENJAMIN JOSEPH LEGERE Calif

San Francisco T-13, another government agency which conducts personnel and intelligence investigations, furnished a report dated December 7, 1945, which

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reflected that BENJAMIN JOSEPH LEGERE was an old-time member of the CP and very active in various organizations having radical tendencies.

RICHARD LYNDEN

San Francisco T-20, of known reliability, advised in April 1948 that a meeting of CP members in the warehouse industry was held at the CLS to discuss issues concerning a strike in the warehouse industry. RICHARD LYNDEN presided at this meeting, although at the time he was under suspension from the CP.

ANTON LEON REFREGIER

San Francisco T-21, of known reliability, on February 7, 1947 reported that ANTON REFREGIER was a transfer from New York who was present at a meeting of the Dreiser Branch of the CP of San Francisco on July 6, 1947.

SF T-21 reported that REFREGIER at the time was engaged in painting murals in the Rincon Annex Post Office, San Francisco.

MARGARET REICH

San Francisco T-22, of known reliability, advised that MARGARET REICH, nee FAGAN, was a CP member in New York and was having difficulty getting a transfer to California in 1952, but that she was a loyal CP member.

ANDREW E. ROBERTSON

The 1951 San Francisco City Directory reflects that ANDW. D.E. ROBERTSON, 166 4th Avenue, is a "driver". The San Francisco Indices contain no identifiable information regarding this individual.

ANDREW ROBERTSON

The 1951 San Francisco City Directory reflects that ANDW. ROBERTSON and ELSIE S. reside at 166 4th Avenue, and that ANDW. is a musician. The San Francisco Indices contain no identifiable information regarding this individual.

ALFRED ROSETTI

The December 1, 1950 "Daily Peoples' World" newspaper, Page 6, Column 5, carried an announcement reflecting the death of ALFRED ROSETTI, (11/27/50).

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San Francisco T-23, of known reliability, advised on October 11, 1949 that ALFRED ROSETTI was Vice President of the Italian Lodge of the IWO.

San Francisco T-24, of known reliability, advised that ALFRED ROSETTI was a member of the Marina Club of the CP of San Francisco in September 1949.

EMILY SAMIT

San Francisco T-25, of known reliability, has advised that EMILY SAMIT, a Latvian, attended a social affair to raise money for Pro-Soviet Baltic Organizations at 44 Page Street, San Francisco, on December 27, 1952, and attended "RAS" social functions in 1953 including the "RAS" banquets on June 27, 1953 and October 18, 1953.

GABRIEL SIMMONS SUNSHINE

The bulletin of "Tarbut L'am" of March 1951 on Page 32, reflects that the "Jewish Committee for Allied Relief" and the "Jewish Committee for Rehabilitation of War Victims," both in San Francisco, was under the presidency of GABRIEL SONSHEIN and sent financial aid to "Tarbut L'am" twice.

The San Francisco Voters' Registrar Records reflected that GABRIEL SIMMONS SUNSHINE, 3434 Geary Blvd., Apartment 2, was born in Poland and became a naturalized citizen on January 26, 1928 at Bronx, New York, Certificate Number 2696308. He listed his occupation as a musician.

The "Jewish Community Bulletin" of September 1, 1950 in a letter to the editor reflects that the Executive Committee of the Labor-Zionist Organization, Poale Zion of Petaluma requested the information from the Israeli Consulate at Los Angeles regarding "Tarbuth Laam".

REUVEN DAFNI, Consul, informed that the organization "Tarbuth Laam" is part of the Communist organization in Israel. He reported that "they have not been authorized either by the Government of Israel or by the Jewish Agency of Palestine to solicit any funds or conduct campaigns. Any money raised by them, if and when it reaches Israel, is used solely for the regular activities of the CP of Israel."

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JOHN VOICH

San Francisco T-26, of known reliability, on June 21, 1947 advised that JOHN VOICH was a member of the Eureka Valley Club of the CP of San Francisco.

SARA ~~BLASHKO~~ ALCHERMES calif

San Francisco T-27, of known reliability, advised that SARA ALCHERMES was a member of the Mission Club, Galdo Branch (Warehouse Branch) of the CP of San Francisco in 1948 and 1949.

GEORGE BRATOFF

San Francisco T-26, of known reliability, on February 9, 1948 advised that GEORGE BRATOFF was a member of the 16th Assembly District Branch of the CP of Oakland, California.

SF T-1 on February 4, 1949 advised that GEORGE BRATOFF was elected Recording Secretary of the "RAS" for the year 1949.

ANNA LIDEN

SF T-1 has advised that ANNA LIDEN has attended numerous meetings of the "RAS", Inc.," San Francisco, since 1944, the last being on December 4, 1953.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

IDENTITY OF SOURCE	DATE OF ACTIVITY &/OR DESCRIPTION OF INFORMATION	DATE RECEIVED	AGENT TO WHOM FURNISHED	FILE NUMBER WHERE LOCATED
SF T-1 [redacted]	RAS Ex. Board Meeting 11/6/53	11/25/53	G.D.COAKLEY	[redacted]
	RAS Banquet 11/7/53	"	"	
	RAS Bulletin "For Peace" prepared for mailing on 11/13/53.	"	"	
	Attended CP Branch 11 meeting 11/11/53	"	"	[redacted]
FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	RAS Ex Bd. Meeting 11/20/53	"	"	[redacted]
	MEETING Branch 11 CP 11/24/53	12/2/53	"	
	12/4/53 members prepared for 12/6/53 RAS Bazaar	1/5/54	"	
	RAS Ex. Bd. Meeting 12/11/53	1/5/54	"	[redacted]
	Meeting Branch 11 CP 12/15/53 Completed CP registration	1/6/54	"	
	Re: employment	1/5/54	S.F. FEWSTER	First time reported
	Northern California Peace Council, Peace by Negotiation Drive	11/27/53	G.D.COAKLEY	[redacted]

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	Ident of SERGIUS BOONE as RAS member			Associate
	Ident of MR. P. BRIKSIN, as RAS member, 1949, 1950			"
	Ident of GEORGE BRATOFF as RAS Recording Sec., 1949	FOIA(b)(7) - (D) FOIA(b)(7) - (E)		"
	Ident of ANNA LIDEN attending RAS meetings			"
SF T-2 [redacted]	[redacted] 1947	7/10/48		100-24095-655, 631A (5)
SF T-3 [redacted]	Chairman RAS Banquet 11/7/53	11/10/53	W.J. HOY	[redacted]
	Attendance CLS 9/13/53	9/30/53	"	[redacted]
SF T-4 [redacted]	Celebration 20th Anniversary & Reception of USSR 11/7/53	11/8/53	R.H. NELSON	100-6359-1075
SF T-5 [redacted]	Attended CLS 10/25/53 - JOHN HOWARD LAWSON lecture	10/27/53	W.J. HOY	[redacted]
	New Years Party 12/31/53	1/11/54	"	[redacted]
SF T-6 [redacted]	Graphic arts workshop 10/21/53	11/2/53	R.W.KELLERMEYER	[redacted]
	Graphic arts workshop 11/12/53	12/1/53	"	[redacted]

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	Graphic arts workshop meeting 11/25/53	12/1/53	P.W.KELLERMEYER	
SF T-7	Northern California Peace Council. Peace Negotiation Drive Dec. 1953	12/10/53	S.F. FEWSTER	
SF T-8	Ident of Northern California Peace Council		FOIA(b)(7)-(D)	
SF T-9	Re reception for subject 2/20/54			
SF T-10 STEPHEN MUSANTE B.ofA. 1 Powell St.	Bank of America Com Account 1/21/54	1/21/54	S.F.FEWSTER	1st time reported
SF T-11 Anonymous	Ident of associates			Associates
SF T-12	Ident of EDWARD BOYD BARLOW			Associate
SF T-13 USA, 9th Service Command, Intelligence Div., Ft. Douglas, Utah	Ident of ESTHER SCHWARTZ BOONE Ident of BENJAMIN JOSEPH LEGERE			Associate Associate
SF T-14	Ident of SERGIUS BOONE Sec. of IWO Lodge 3202			"
SF T-15	Ident of SERGIUS BOONE Member, CP 1945-47			"

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SF T-16 [redacted] Req. name be kept conf.	Ident of MINNIE JOHNSON Finnish Branch IWO	Associate
SF T-17 Anonymous	Ident of ELINOR KAHN, State Director, IPP of Calif.	"
SF T-18 Anonymous	Ident of THEODORE NELS LATVALA as CP member, 1944	"
SF T-19 [redacted]	Ident of TED LATVALA as paid organizer IWO May 1951	"
SF T-20 [redacted]	Ident of RICHARD LYNDEN as CP member 1948	"
SF T-21 [redacted]	Ident of ANTON LEON REFREGIER as CP member, 7/6/47	"
SF T-22 [redacted]	Ident of MARGARET REICH as CP member in N.Y. 1952	"
SF T-23 [redacted]	Ident ALFRED ROSETTI as V.P. Italian Lodge IWO	"
SF T-24 [redacted]	Ident ALFRED ROSETTI as CP member, 1949	"
SF T-25 [redacted]	Ident EMILY SAMIT, attendance RASI Banquets 1953	"
SF T-26 [redacted]	Ident of JOHN VOICH as CP member, 1947	"

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SF T-27 [redacted]	Ident of SARA BLASHKO ALCHERMES, CP member, 1948 and 1949			Associate
SF T-28 [redacted]	Ident of GEORGE BRATOFF as CP member; 1948			"
SF T-29 [redacted]	Ident of Northern California Peace Council	8/25/52	W.D.WHITNEY	100-28845-46
SF T-30 [redacted]	Ident of various telephone subscribers.			

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THE NEW YORK DIVISION

AT NEW YORK CITY

Will attempt to identify MR. & MRS. V. TERESKTERSKO, 104 W. 64th Street, New York City, 23, New York, whose name and address is maintained by the subject in personal correspondence. The San Francisco Office Indices contain no identifiable information regarding the subject.

THE SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Will attempt to identify MR. & MRS. ANDREW E. ROBERTSON, MR. & MRS. A. ROBERTSON, 334 Ferndale, South San Francisco; the BARKERS, 2339 Harding Street, Redwood City, telephone EM 6-8358 and STAVLEYS, telephone LA 4-5053.

Will report subject's activities as received from confidential informants and sources of information.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER dated 12/1/53, at San Francisco.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-47675) DATE: 3/8/54

FROM : SAC, New York (100-81938)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was
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Rerep of SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER dated 2/5/54, at San Francisco.

The indices of the New York Office contain no reference on V. TERESKTERSKO.

However, the New York Office is office of origin in a case entitled "VALERY JOHN TERESHTENKO, wa; INTERNAL SECURITY - R", who is undoubtedly identical with the individual of the aforementioned name mentioned in referenced report.

VALERY JOHN TERESHTENKO, who is a security index subject of this office and was subject of a pending investigation, was born at Bruchoveckoja, Russia, on June 13, 1901. He entered the United States on July 2, 1930, and was naturalized on June 15, 1936, in the Southern District of New York.

Investigation reflects that in 1950 he resided at 104 West 64th Street, New York City. He presently resides at 219 East 5th Street, New York City, and is employed as a lecturer at the New School for Social Research at 66 West 12th Street, New York City. TERESHTENKO, who is divorced, has been reported to be a Trotskyite and a Communist sympathizer. He associates with well known Communists and members of subversive organizations and has written articles for subversive publications. It has been reported that if there is ever a war between the US and Russia, TERESHTENKO would do everying in his power to help Russia.

On May 21, 1953, Mrs. FRANCISKA PESTRECOV of 35 Everett Street, Sherborn, Massachusetts, was interviewed by an agent of the Boston Office in connection with another investigation. At that time she advised that her husband, KONSTANTIN PESTRECOV and VALERY J. TERESHTENKO were first

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cousins and that they grew up together in St. Petersburg, Russia, forming a deep attachment for each other which exists to the present day. Mrs. PESTRECOV advised that TERESHTENKO was an officerin the White Russian army and was forced to flee Russia following the Bolsheviks triumph. She stated that he was extremely anti-Soviet for many years until about 1942 when the Nazis invaded Russia. At this time his hatred of the Soviet regime turned to sympathy and he began to support the regime by writing articles in "Russky Golos", a Russian language pro-Soviet newspaper in New York City.

Following the end of World War II, TERESHTENKO secured a position with the UNRRA and was sent to Russia. Mrs. PESTRECOV stated that TERESHTENKO was wined, dined, and shown all sorts of courtesies in Russia and when he returned to the United States he was enthusiastic for the USSR and was loudly outspoken in his admiration for the Soviet Union. -RUC-

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TITLE

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was

CHARACTER OF CASE

INTERNAL SECURITY - C

AGENCY PHS (Amer)
REQ. REC'D 2-11-58
REP'T FORW. 3-4-58 (K. for Margiere)
BY R Hu - TRS
Re: Michael Victor Arnautoff (P. Sm)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

yes NA

~~- C O N F I D E N T I A L -~~

Subject resides 1007 Washington St., Colma, Calif. and is art teacher at Stanford University. Attended "Branch 11" CP meeting in 2/54, and RAS meetings in January and February of 1954, being re-elected President of RAS. VICTOR ARMAUTOFF appeared as sponsor in leaflet captioned "700 Children Need Your Help" for financial assistance for summer camp for children of Smith Act prisoners or defendants. Reception given subject 2/20/54, under auspices Northern California Peace Council. Exhibit of Soviet childrens paintings and drawings held 1/54, at 321 Divisadero St., SF, at which subject discussed exhibits. Signed appeal to President TRUMAN requesting amnesty for the leaders of the CP convicted under the Smith Act; listed as sponsor of American Committee for Foreign Born, and signed statement of the American Committee; was delegate to Congress for World Peace; sponsor of Committee to Welcome the Dean of Canterbury; member of faculty of CLS, 1947-48; Judge at Art Carnival at CLS and scheduled to discuss realism in Russia and Soviet art at CLS, 6/11/52; signed letter to President in 1948, released under auspices of CRC protesting the deportation of Communists.

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DETAILS:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

The April, 1954, Street Telephone Directory reflects that VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF resides at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California.

The Stanford "Time Schedule, Winter Quarter 1953-54, under Art and Architecture" lists subject as teaching "Oil Painting" on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in room 106 and "Printing Processes" on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The schedule reflects the "day-hour arrangements" for three or more students could be arranged, the meeting place being listed as room 314.

COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) ACTIVITIES

SF T-1, of known reliability, advised that the subject continues to be active in "Branch 11" of the CP of San Francisco, having attended a meeting of this Branch in February, 1954.

SF T-2, of known reliability, on 11/4/53, furnished an illustrative leaflet captioned "700 Children Need Your Help," published by the "United Summer Appeal for Children, room 837, 150 Nassau Street, New York City." This leaflet appeals for financial assistance for a summer camp for children of Smith Act prisoners or defendants, etc. The name "VICTOR ARMAUTOFF" (correct spelling VICTOR ARNAUTOFF) appeared among the "partial list" of sponsors.

The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA PEACE COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

The "Peoples World" newspaper of 2/1/54, page 7, column 2, in an article captioned "Peace Council will Honor ARNAUTOFF," reflects that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF San Francisco Artist would be honored at a reception by the Northern California Peace Council on 2/20, 8:30 p.m., 1954.

The "Peoples World" of 2/10/54, page 7, column 4, in an article captioned "San Francisco Reception to Honor VICTOR ARNAUTOFF," reflects that the Northern California Peace Council will give a reception honoring VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, San Francisco Artist at 570 El Camino Del Mar at 8:30 p.m. on 2/20/54. This article reflects that ARNAUTOFF did the drawings for the 1952 and 1953 Peace Council Christmas Peace Cards.

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The "Peoples World" of 2/19/54, page 3, column 5, in an article entitled "Artists Peace Groups Fete San Francisco Painter," which reflects that greetings from many parts of the world were sent to the subject, who would be honored at a reception by the Northern California Peace Council at 8:30 p.m., Saturday, 570 El Camino Del Mar.

"JOHN HOWARD LAWSON, Historian and Educator, wrote the Council, 'it is set that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF should be honored by the Peace Council, both as an American, who has contributed to the cause of world peace and as an artist whose creative achievements have enriched our country's culture.'"

The fourth report of the Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities in California, 1948, page 364, reflects "The Peoples World is an official West Coast Communist paper."

SF T-3, of known reliability, in September, 1952, reported that the "Northern California Peace Council" was Communist dominated.

SF T-4, of known reliability, on 7/25/52, advised that the "Northern California Peace Council" is an "off-shoot of the CP activities in CP, USA 13th District, and has as its primary objective the agitation 'of all peace proposals' set forth by the CP." Mrs. Victor Michael Arnautoff

SF T-1 on 2/19/54, advised that subject's wife, LYDIA ARNAUTOFF at the 2/12/54 RAS meeting requested all present to attend the reception for subject, to be given by the Northern California Peace Council on 2/20/54, stating that one of the purposes of the reception was to raise money for the Council.

SF T-5, of known reliability, on 2/19/54, furnished an invitation to a reception honoring the subject to be held on 2/20/54, under the auspices of the Northern California Peace Council.

SF T-6, of known reliability, on 2/25/54, advised that approximately 200 guests attended the reception at 570 El Camino Del Mar, at the home of GEORGE ANDERSEN, honoring the subject on 2/20/54. T-6 advised that MINNIE R. CARTER, Chairman of the Northern California Peace Council issued the invitations and at the reception, stated that the subject had long been devoted to peace work and had designed the Christmas Cards for the Peace Council for the past two years.

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RUSSIAN-AMERICAN SOCIETY, INC. (RAS, INC) ACTIVITIES

SF T-1 has advised that the subject continues to be active in the "RAS, Inc." having attended meetings of the organization in January and February, 1954.

T-1 on 2/1/54, advised that the subject was nominated and re-elected as President of the RAS, Inc. at the 1/29/54, RAS Executive Board meeting.

The RAS, Inc. has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

AMERICAN-RUSSIAN INSTITUTE, INC. (ARI)

SF T-7, of known reliability, on 1/20/54, furnished a letter received from the ARI, Inc., San Francisco, in the form of an invitation advertising an "exhibit on Soviet childrens paintings and drawings," opening Sunday (1/17/54) at 7:30 p.m. at the auditorium of 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, comentary by VICTOR ARNAUTOFF. The invitation reflected that the above exhibit had been shown in several countries abroad and represented a number of prize winning paintings and drawings.

SF T-8, of known reliability, on 2/1/54, advised that the California Labor School (CLS) held a "open house" on 1/17/54, inaugurating the beginning of the new term. T-8 advised that a Young Peoples art exhibit from the Soviet Union was on display and that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF discussed the exhibit. ARNAUTOFF stated that all Soviet children do good work, due to the way that they are educated; that they have a superior education which enables them to see such and to execute what they have seen.

SF T-9, of known reliability, advised that the subject visited the ARI, Inc. Offices at 90 McAllister Street, San Francisco, at Noon on 3/17/54, and on 3/18/54, between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. It is pointed out that the ARI, Inc. recently moved from 101 Post Street, San Francisco, to the above address.

The ARI, Inc. of San Francisco and the CLS have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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SF T-10, of known reliability, on 2/18/54 furnished the February, 1954, "Graphic Arts Workshop Bulletin," which reflected that the workshop had proudly assisted the Northern California Peace Council in its preparations of the reception honoring VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, to be held on 2/20 (1954).

The "Graphic Arts Workshop" according to T-11, of known reliability, if affiliated with or a part of the CLS.

SF T-12, of known reliability, advised on 10/15/53, that the following information appeared in the files of the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives:

The 10/15/53, report reflected that the public records, files, and publications of the Committee should not be construed as representing the results of: investigation by, or findings of the Committee, and it should be noted that the subject is nor necessarily a Communist, a Communist sympathizer, or a fellow traveler, unless otherwise indicated.

"According to the 'Daily Worker,' December 10, 1952 (p. 4), Dr. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF signed an appeal to President TRUMAN requesting amnesty for the leaders of the Communist Party convicted under the Smith Act.

"A photostatic copy of an undated letterhead of the 20th Anniversary National Conference of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, U. E. Hall, Chicago, Illinois, December 8-9, 1951, listed VICTOR ARNAUTOFF as a sponsor of that organization. He signed a statement of the American Committee. . . against denaturalization as shown by the August 10, 1950 issue of the 'Daily Worker' (p. 5). The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born was cited as subversive and Communist by the U. S. Attorney General in letters furnished the Loyalty Review Board and released to the press by the U. S. Civil Service Commission June 1 and September 21, 1948. The Special Committee on Un-American Activities, in its report of March 29, 1944 (p. 155), cited the American Committee. . . as 'one of the oldest ausiliaries of the Communist Party in the United States.'

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"VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, artist, San Francisco, was a delegate to the American Continental Congress for World Peace as reported by the September 21, 1949 issue of the 'Daily People's World' (p. 5). According to the September 16, 1949 issue of the Daily People's World (p. 2), VICTOR ARNAUTOFF spoke at the American Continental Congress for Peace; his speech was reprinted in the October 6, 1949 issue of the newspaper (p. 5). The Committee on Un-American Activities, in its report on the Communist 'Peace' Offensive, April 1, 1951 (p. 21), cited the American Continental Congress for Peace as another phase in the Communist "peace" campaign, aimed at consolidating anti-American forces throughout the Western Hemisphere.

"A pamphlet, 'We Can Keep Peace' (p. 3), published by the American Russian Institute of San Francisco, 1950, listed VICTOR ARNAUTOFF as a San Francisco sponsor of the Committee to Welcome the Dean of Canterbury. According to the 'New York Times' of September 21, 1948 (p. 5), the Committee to Welcome the Dean of Canterbury was formed in 1948 when the State Department refused to grant a visa to HEWLETT JOHNSON, Dean of Canterbury, because his proposed visit to the United States was sponsored by the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, an organization on the Attorney General's list.

"The American Russian Institute of San Francisco was cited as a Communist organization by the Attorney General in a letter released September 21, 1948.

"The Attorney General cited the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship as subversive and Communist in letters released December 4, 1947 and September 21, 1948. The Special Committee. . ., in its report of March 29, 1944 (p. 156), cited the National Council. . . as follows: 'In recent months, the Communist Party's principal front for all things Russian has been known as the National Council for American-Soviet Friendship.'

"VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was a member of the faculty or a lecturer at the California Labor School as shown by the Spring 1947 Catalog of the school (p. 44), in which he was identified as a painter; Assistant professor, Stanford University, Graphic Arts Dept.; instructor, California School of Fine Arts; painted murals in San Francisco, the Bay Area and Texas. He was listed also as a member of the faculty of the school in the Yearbook and Catalogue, 'California Labor School,' 1948 (pp. 25,36), and in the testimony of WALTER S. STEELE, public hearings, Committee on Un-American Activities, July 21, 1947, (p. 54). According to the

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'Daily People's World' of November 7, 1947 (p. 5), VICTOR ARNAUTAUFF was a judge at an Art Carnival given by the California Labor School. His engravings were exhibited by the California Labor School as reported by the June 22, 1948 issue of the 'Daily People's World' (p. 5). On June 10, 1952 the 'Daily People's World' (p. 7), reported that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF would discuss realism in Russia and Soviet art at the California Labor School on June 11. The Attorney General cited the California Labor School as a subversive and Communist organization at 216 Market Street, San Francisco, California, in letters released June 1 and September 21, 1948.

"The 'Daily People's World' of February 10, 1948 (p. 3) listed VICTOR ARNAUTOFF as having signed a letter to the President, released under the auspices of the Civil Rights Congress, protesting the deportation of Communists.

"The Attorney General cited the Civil Rights Congress as subversive and Communist in letters released December 4, 1947 and September 21, 1948. The Congressional Committee. . ., in its report of September 2, 1947 (pp. 2 and 19), cited the Civil Rights Congress as an organization formed in April, 1946 as a merger of two other Communist-front organizations (International Labor Defense and the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties); 'dedicated not to the broader issues of civil liberties, but specifically to the defense of individual Communists and the Communist Party' and 'controlled by individuals who are either members of the Communist Party or openly loyal to it.'

"Art criticisms by VICTOR ARNAUTOFF are found in the 'Daily People's World' of April 19, 1948 (p. 5) and September 17, 1948 (p. 5). The 'Daily People's World' was cited as 'the official organ of the Communist Party on the West Coast' by the Special Committee. . ., report, March 29, 1944 (p. 95)."

The "Peoples World" of 9/16/49, page 2, column 4, referred to above reflects that San Francisco delegate to the American Continental Congress for Peace, held 9/5-11 in Mexico City, including VICTOR ARNAUTOFF would report on the gathering "at a public meeting Friday, 8:00 p.m. at the California Club, 1750 Clay Street."

The "Peoples World" of 10/6/49, page 5, columns 1-6, referred to above according to the newspaper, contains the "first of three reports by San Francisco Cultural Workers, who participated in the recent American Continental Congress for Peace in Mexico City." The article appearing in the 10/6/49 issue is by VICTOR ARNAUTOFF."

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SF T-13, of known reliability, on 3/26/54, reported that the subject maintained a commercial bank account at the Bank of America, 1 Powell Street, San Francisco, which had on deposit a total of $243.84, as of 3/23/54.

On 3/2/54, subject deposited a check in the amount of $253.45 and on 3/17/54 deposited a check in the amount of $78.28, drawn on bank 11-56/1210, which SF T-B identified as the Bank of America, Humboldt Branch, San Francisco. T-13 advised that there were no large deposits or withdrawals during the month of March in the above account.

SF T-14, of known reliability, advised that the Bank of America, Humboldt Branch, San Francisco files reflected that the check deposited by subject on 3/17/54 in the amount of $78.28 was a check of the Civil Rights Congress (CRC), 228 McAllister Street, San Francisco.

The above information cannot be made public except in the usual proceedings of the issuance of a subpeona.

The CRC has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Previous investigation indicated that Mr. and Mrs. V. TERESKTERSKO, 104 West 64th Street, New York 23, New York, were known to the subject.

The New York Office by letter, dated 3/8/54, advised that the indices of the New York Office contained no reference to V. TERESKTERSKO.

The New York Office advised that one VALERY JOHN TERESHTENKO, wa., was born at Druchovechaja, Russia on 6/13/01 and entered the U. S. on 7/2/30, and was naturalized on 6/15/36, in the Southern District of New York. They advised that this individual resided at 104 West 64th Street, New York City, and presently resides at 219 East 5th Street, New York, and is employed as a lecturer at the New School for Social Research at 66 West 12th Street, New York City. TERESHTENKO was reported to be divorced and associates with well known Communists and members of subversive organizations.

On May 21, 1953, Mrs. FRANCISKA PESTRECOV of 35 Everett Street, Sherborn, Mass., was interviewed in connection with another investigation. At that time she advised that her husband KONSTANTIN PESTRECOV and VALERY TERESHTENKO were first cousins and that they grew up together in

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St. Petersburg, Russia, forming a deep attachment for each other which exists to the present day. Mrs. PESTRECOV advised that TERESHTENKO was an officer in the White Russian Army and was forced to flee Russia following the Bolsheviks triumph. She stated that he was extremely anti-Soviet for many years until about 1942, when the Nazis invaded Russia. At this time his hatred of the Soviet Regime turned to sympathy and he began to support the Regime by writing articles in "Russky Golos" a Russian Language Pro-Soviet newspaper in New York City.

Following the end of World War II, TERESHTENKO secured a position with the UNRRA and was sent to Russia. Mrs. PESTRECOV stated that TERESHTENKO was wined, dined, and shown all sorts of courtesies in Russia and when he returned to the U. S. he was enthusiastic for the USSR and was loudly outspoken in his admiration for the Soviet Union.

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SOURCES:

IDENTITY OF SOURCE	DATE OF ACTIVITY AND/OR DESCRIPTION OF INFORMATION	DATE RECEIVED	AGENT TO WHOM FURNISHED	FILE NUMBER WHERE LOCATED
T-1, [redacted]	attended RAS meeting 1/8/54	1/21/54	G.D. COAKLEY	[redacted]
	attended RAS Executive Board meeting 1/15/54	"	"	
	" " 1/29/54	2/1/54	"	
	attended RAS meeting 2/5/54	2/19/54	"	
	attended Branch 11 CP meeting 2/1/54	"	"	
	attended RAS meeting 2/12/54	"	"	
T-2, [redacted]	name VICTOR ARMAUTOFF appeared on publication of "United Summer Appeal for Children"	11/4/53	R.E. STEPHENS	pamphlet sent to NY 2/20/54
T-3, [redacted]	ident of Northern Calif Peace Council			
T-4, [redacted]	"			
T-5, [redacted]	invitation to reception 2/20/54 for sub	2/19/54	D.A. MERRILL	[redacted]

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T-6, [redacted]	attendance at reception 2/20/54 for sub.	2/25/54	W.H. WEBB	[redacted]
T-7, [redacted] who requested name be kept confidential	art exhibit 1/17/54	1/20/54	S.F. FEWSTER	[redacted]
T-8, [redacted]	lecture re Soviet Exhibit 1/17/54	2/1/54	W.J. HOY	[redacted]
T-9, SA S.F. FEWSTER	sub at ARI, 90 McAllister St., 3/17			first time reported
SA R.E. STEPHENS	" " 3/18			
T-10, [redacted]	re reception for for sub 2/20/54	2/18/54	P.H. KELLERMEYER	[redacted]
T-11, [redacted]	ident of "Graphic Arts Workshop"			
T-12, Bulet dtd. 2/3/54	photostated rpt dated 10/15/53, info from Un-American Committee Activities, U.S. House of Representatives			
T-13, Bank of America, 1 Powell St. STEPHEN MUSANTE	Bank of America account of sub	3/26/54	S.F. FEWSTER	
T-14, Mr. THOMAS KIXMOELLER Ass't. Chief Clerk, B. of A., Humboldt Branch, SF.	ident of check for $78.28(CRC)	"	"	

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SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

At San Francisco, California

Will report subject's activities as received from confidential informants and sources of information.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER, dated 2/5/54, San Francisco.

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May 10, 1954

LYDIA VASILEVNA ARNAUTOFF
Born: February 6, 1903
Vladivostock, Russia

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
Born: November 11, 1896
Marinpol, Russia
C-4331663

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NAME CHECK

A review of the records of this Bureau has disclosed that the Immigration and Naturalization Service is in possession of the pertinent data on file concerning the captioned individuals inasmuch as numerous reports have been furnished on a current basis. These reports have been furnished to the Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Washington, D. C., and to the Local Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in San Francisco, California. It is presumed the reports are available to you.

It is to be noted that the Arnautoffs are of current interest to this Bureau. (100-47675)

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Subject attended meeting of Branch 11 of the Communist Party of San Francisco in March and May, 1954, and RAS meetings in March, April and May, 1954. Identification of subject's contacts listed. Subject attended party in his honor 2/20/54; CLS Chorus, 3/15/54; International Women's Day celebration 3/20/54. Attended dinner 4/30/54, sponsored by Northern California Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

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DETAILS:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

The June, 1954, StreetTelephone Directory reflects that VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF resides at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California.

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COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) AND RUSSIAN AMERICAN SOCIETY, INC. (RAS) ACTIVITIES

San Francisco T-1, of known reliability, reported that the subject attended a meeting of "Branch 11 of the CP of San Francisco" in March and May of 1954, and also attended meetings of the RAS in March, April and May, 1954.

The CP and the RAS, Inc. have each been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

CONTACTS OF SUBJECT

San Francisco T-2, of known reliability, previously reported that the following individuals or telephone numbers were maintained by the subject:

Mr. and Mrs. ANDREW E. ROBERTSON, Calif received an announcement of the birth of PAMELA JEAN ROBERTSON, born on June 7, 1953;

Mr. and Mrs. A. ROBERTSON, 334 Ferndale Avenue, South San Francisco, California;

"BARKERS, 2339 Harding, Redwood City, California (telephone) EM 68358";

"STAVLEYS - Calif (telephone) LA 45053";

"Telephone SK 13103."

According to the July, 1954 San Francisco Street Telephone Directory, telephone SK 13103 is listed to ANDREW ROBERTSON, 166 - 4th Avenue, San Francisco, California.

The San Francisco Polk's City Directory of 1953 reflects that MR. MRS. ANDREW G. ROBERTSON, a musician, resides at 166 - 4th Avenue, San Francisco Calif. his wife being listed as ELSIE. Robertson

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The 1948-1949 Polk's City Directory lists ANDREW ROBERTSON as a musician and his wife ELSIE, residence being listed as 2797 Laguna Street, San Francisco.

Mr. HARRY HALL, Secretary of Local 6 of the Musician's Union, San Francisco, advised on June 9, 1954 that their records contained no listing for an ANDREW G. ROBERTSON as being or having been a member of Local 6.

in 1953 Robertson

SE BERMAN E. DEFFENBAUGH, JR. on April 5, 1954, advised that the Retailer's Credit Association of San Francisco records in a report dated April 23, 1953, reflect that ANDREW DAVID EDWARD ROBERTSON, aka. A. E. ANDREW ROBERTSON, age 28, and wife LOUISE, nee LOUISE PAUL, resided at 1670 Market Street, San Francisco, for ten months and were going to purchase property in Sunshine Gardens, South San Francisco. ANDREW ROBERTSON was listed as employed as a checker at Armour and Company, having been employed for a period of two years and was considered an excellent employee. He was previously employed by the Masonite Corporation, Ukiah, California, for three months; in the rug cleaning business for himself for a short time, and employed by the U. S. Post Office for three months.

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The above report that ANDREW ROBERTSON was born in San Francisco; that he formerly lived at 3855 - 21st Street, San Francisco, in August, 1951 and had been in and out of San Francisco off and on for years, and that they had no children but were expecting an addition to the family. The report contained no derogatory information, references being listed as "HAP JONES" (motorcycles) and McAlister's (automobile agency).

The San Francisco Health Department, 101 Grove Street, reflects that PAMELA JEAN ROBERTSON was born June 7, 1953 of parents ANDREW DAVID EDWARD ROBERTSON, age 28, born in California, and LOUISE CHARMAINE PAUL Robertson age 24, born in Pennsylvania. This record reflected ANDREW ROBERTSON as a checker for a meat company and residence at 334 Ferndale Avenue, South San Francisco, PAMELA JEAN being their first child.

in 1953

The San Francisco Post Office Department personnel records reflect that ANDREW D. E. ROBERTSON, age 25, in 1950 resided at 166 - 4th Avenue, San Francisco, and had telephone number SK 13103. He was employed as a garage man - driver from November 1, 1946 to November 30, 1947 and was also employed as a mechanic from November 8, 1950 to February 15, 1951,

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at which time he resigned. In addition to the above, ROBERTSON was a substitute part-time mail carrier. No additional information is listed on the above record.

SE BERMAN E. DEFFENBAUGH, JR. on June 15, 1954, advised that the Retailer's Credit Association of San Francisco contained no record for ANDREW G. ROBERTSON or ELSIE ROBERTSON, 166 - 4th Avenue, San Francisco.

Mrs. H. OSHIDA, 162 - 4th Avenue, San Francisco, on June 10, 1954, advised that ANDREW ROBERTSON, 166 - 4th Avenue, is a man approximately 55 to 60 years of age and has two sons, names unknown, who visit him on occasion. She was unable to furnish any additional information regarding the ROBERTSONs.

San Francisco indices contain no identifiable information to ANDREW DAVID EDWARD ROBERTSON, ANDREW G. ROBERTSON, LOUISE ROBERTSON, nee PAUL or ELSIE ROBERTSON.

San Francisco T-4 advised that telephone LA 45053 was listed to ROBERT STANLEY, 1033 Gilman Avenue, Apartment G, Berkeley, California, which telephone was disconnected on August 17, 1953. T-4 advised that he had no further information available regarding this individual.

It is pointed out that the name was previously reported as STAVLEYS, which apparently was in error.

SE DONALD A. CLOWARD on April 15, 1954, reported that the Credit Bureau of the Greater East Bay, Oakland, California, contained no record of ROBERT STANLEY.

San Francisco T-3, another Governmental agency that conducts intelligence and personnel investigations, reported on January 6, 1945 that a Christmas cocktail party was held on December 17, 1944 for the benefit of the East Bay Branch of the California Labor School at 547 Spruce Street, Berkeley, California.

San Francisco T-3 believed that the occupants of an automobile, bearing 1944 license 8D3728, which was registered to ROBERT M. STANLEY, 2639 College Avenue, Berkeley, California, attended the above party.

The California Labor School has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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San Francisco T-4 on June 18, 1954 advised that telephone number EM 68358 was assigned to WILLIAM H. BARKER, 2339 Harding, Redwood City, California, which telephone was disconnected May 12, 1953.

The Polk's City Directories for 1948 and 1950 contain no listing for WILLIAM H. BARKER.

The San Francisco indices contain no identifiable information with WILLIAM H. BARKER.

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San Francisco T-5, of known reliability, on March 5, 1954, advised that the subject was honored at a party held on February 20, 1954, at which approximately 150 people were present.

San Francisco T-5 advised on March 15, 1954, that the subject attended a meeting of the California Labor School Chorus at the California Labor School on March 15, 1954.

San Francisco T-6, of known reliability, on March 24, 1954, advised that International Women's Day was celebrated on March 20, 1954 at 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, which program was attended by the subject.

San Francisco T-7, of known reliability, on April 15, 1954, furnished a copy of the Civil Rights Congress Chapter Bulletin No. 3 of March, 1954, which reflects that VICTOR MARNAUTOFF drew a beautiful picture of IDA ROTHSTEIN, which was displayed at her funeral. IDA ROTHSTEIN was described as the former head of the CRC in San Francisco, who was accidentally killed in San Francisco.

The CRC has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

San Francisco T-8, of known reliability, advised that the subject on April 27, 1954 was working at the American Russian Institute, San Francisco, and that LORETTA STARKUS STACK solicited the subject's aid in "a very worthwhile cause" regarding the defense of the Smith Act victims, to which the subject agreed. T-8 was unable to furnish any additional information regarding this matter.

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It is pointed out that LORETTA STARVUS STACK was convicted in Los Angeles, California in August, 1952, for violation of the Smith Act.

San Francisco T-9, of known reliability, on May 3, 1954, advised that a dinner sponsored by the Northern California Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born was held at the Hotel Bellevue, Geary and Taylor Streets, San Francisco, on April 30, 1954, which was attended by the subject.

The American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

San Francisco T-10, of known reliability, advised on May 17, 1954 that the subject attended a dinner at the Bellevue Hotel, San Francisco, on April 30, 1954, honoring members of the Lawyers Guild and sponsored by the Northern California Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born.

San Francisco T-11, of known reliability, on May 3, 1954, advised that the subject attended the above dinner on April 30, 1954.

San Francisco T-12, of known reliability, on June 1, 1954, advised that a social sponsored by the Graphic Arts Work Shop was to be held at the subject's home, 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, on June 6, 1954.

San Francisco T-12 also advised that a meeting of the Graphic Arts Work Shop was held on May 18, 1954 and attended by the subject. Informant stated that the "Graphic Arts Work Shop" is affiliated with or part of the California Labor School.

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INFORMANTS

Identity of Informant	Date of Activity And/or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent	Location
SF T-1 is [redacted]	RAS meeting 3/19/54	4/2/54	SA GERALD D. COAKLEY	[redacted]
	RAS meeting 3/26/54	4/2/54	" " "	
FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	Attended Branch 11 CP meeting 3/27/54	4/2/54	" " "	
	RAS meeting 4/2/54	5/10/54	" " "	
	RAS meeting 4/9/54	5/10/54	" " "	
	RAS meeting 5/7/54	5/10/54	" " "	
	Branch 11, CP Meeting, 5/26/54	6/2/54	" " "	
	Attended RAS meeting 5/15/54	6/2/54	" " "	
	5/21/54 RAS (Exec. Bd.)	6/2/54	" " "	

SF T-2 is Anonymous.

SF T-3 is DIO - 12th Naval Dist.	Info re ROBERT M. STANLEY attending CLS benefit, 12/17/44	1/9/45	SA G. M. LANGDON, JR.	100-19111-675

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SF T-4 is [redacted]	Ident. of tel. nos. LA 45053 and Emerson 68358	---	---	---
SF T-5 is [redacted]	Party honoring subject 2/20/54	3/5/54	SA DIRCK A. MERRILL	[redacted]
SF T-6 is [redacted]	Attended International Women's Day Program, 3/20/54	3/24/54	SA J. E. McHALE, Jr.	
SF T-7 is [redacted]	March, 1954 CRC Bulletin reflects subject drew picture of IDA ROTHSTEIN	4/15/54	SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER	
SF T-8 is [redacted]	4/27/50			
FOIA(b)(7) - (D) SF T-9 is [redacted]	Attended Northern Calif. Com. for Protection of Foreign Born dinner 4/30/54	5/3/54	SA LEO F. TULLY	100-6359-1155
SF T-10 is [redacted]	" "	5/17/54	SA WILLIAM J. HOY	[redacted]
SF T-11 is [redacted]	" "	5/3/54	SA HENRY D. GRUSH	100-6359-1164
SF T-12 is [redacted]	Re social 6/6/54, sponsored by Graphic Arts Work Shop	6/1/54	SA P. H. KELLERMEYER	[redacted]

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Will report subject's activities as received from confidential informants and sources of information.

REFERENCE

Report of SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER, San Francisco, dated April 8, 1954.

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